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'Hammer of the Kurds' takes charge

Saddam's hard man stamping out Shia revolt

By Lin Jenkins in Kuwait City and Our Foreign Staff

ONE of President Saddam Hussein's most ruthless cousins was yesterday appointed interior minister to stamp out rebellions throughout Iraq. Ali Hassan al-Majid, known as "the hammer of the Kurds" since he ordered the gassing of 5,000 people two years ago, governed Kuwait during the occupation.

Al-Majid's mission there was believed to be to change the character of the country through expulsions and executions, policies he developed for the "Arabisation" of parts of Kurdistan in the Seventies. Then, he destroyed more than 3,000 villages.

His new appointment came as Republican Guard troops, who have been given a 30 per cent pay rise, appeared to have crushed a Shia rebellion in Basra. Guard units were reported to be moving on other southern cities, and commandos were on the streets of Baghdad in response to the first signs of opposition to Saddam there. To the north, Kurdish guerrillas claimed to be in control of five cities.

The first reports of the battle for Basra emerged yesterday as witnesses escaped to Kuwait. Guard tanks moved in just after dawn on Sunday, shelling homes and rebel positions, according to a Kuwaiti colonel, Matar Said al-Matar. "Women and children were being killed as houses were blown up by tanks, street by street," he said.

Colonel al-Matar, who left the city on Sunday, estimated that about a thousand civilians were killed in the first hour or two of the counter-attack. Another witness said that the army had used tanks, mortar, cannons and rockets to crush the rebellion. "They wanted to finish those people one way or another," Brock Matthews, a Welshman who worked for the Kuwaiti defence ministry, said. "They burned Basra. Their philosophy is to kill people and dump the bodies at strategic places to each others a lesson. You see heaps of about 20 bodies here, another three heaps there, all over the city."

Colonel al-Matar said that before the counter-attack, the rebels had been in control of the city for a day. They had killed the mayor and occupied all police, government and ruling Baath party offices.

But by Sunday morning, the rebels were fighting a losing battle against the tanks. The national army, the one hope of the 1,000 lightly-armed revolutionaries, was standing aside, waiting to see who came out on top, the colonel said. "The army will not do anything. It is too afraid. Too many soldiers have been tortured and jailed by Saddam in the past. The people have no hope."

Colonel al-Matar, who was attached to the Kuwaiti consulate in Basra, said he spent four months in prisons in Baghdad and Basra, where he was beaten and tortured. He was in a basement cell when the rebels opened the prisons in the early hours of Saturday morning. "They asked me to send international troops to help them. They said 'If you leave us for Saddam, his guard will come and destroy us'.

"They drove me all around to demonstrate they were in control. The national army stood by, watching. Women were giving the soldiers food and water to try to persuade them to join the rebellion, but they were too afraid."

Mr Matthews, the only Briton reported missing in Kuwait, was also freed from prison by the rebels on Saturday. He returned to Kuwait City yesterday after escaping from Basra after it became too dangerous for resistance workers to harbour him any longer.

Mr Matthews said he had been taken by Iraqi soldiers the day after the war began, after spending months organising safe houses and food for the 30-odd Britons in hiding in Kuwait. He was taken from his home and interrogated and beaten before being imprisoned in Basra.

"I was blindfolded, my hands were tied. An automatic weapon was fired. I thought it was being fired at me. But then I realised it was fired at the side of me. It really was all a trial to see if I could take it," he said.

On Saturday, he and 3,000 other prisoners were released. "We thought Saddam had declared a pardon," Mr Matthews said. "But he had not, and the resistance told us 'We are freeing you'. There was automatic fire on the door, we could not pick up our IDs or anything. We just ran and walked as fast as we could." During the raid on the prison, the governor was shot dead and another official injured. "The local people helped us. They gave us food and took us out of the city. We couldn't have done it alone. The soldiers are everywhere and surround Basra."

American military sources said yesterday that loyalist Saddam forces had gained the upper hand in Basra, and the government-controlled newspaper *al-Baath* carried a signed article by Saddam's son, Udai, denying reports that he had been killed during the rebellion. He described the reports as "nothing but stray dogs barking".

The Republican Guard was last night said to be moving toward Karbala, the Shia holy city southwest of Baghdad, which was said to be in turmoil. American officers also reported strife in An Najaf, another holy city further south.

While the guards were patrolling the streets of Baghdad, new checkpoints were set up on the road to Jordan as sketchy reports emerged of pockets of unrest in the capital.

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"They burned Basra": Brock Matthews speaking to a reporter after being freed from jail by Iraqi rebels

Shares nudge a record

Share prices in London came within a whisker of their all time high as investors around the world embarked on a huge spending spree. The FT-SE 100 Index, at its best, was more than 60 points up but closed 39.8 points up at 2,459.9 - just 3.8 short of its all-time closing high of 2,463.7, achieved on January 3, last year.................Page 25

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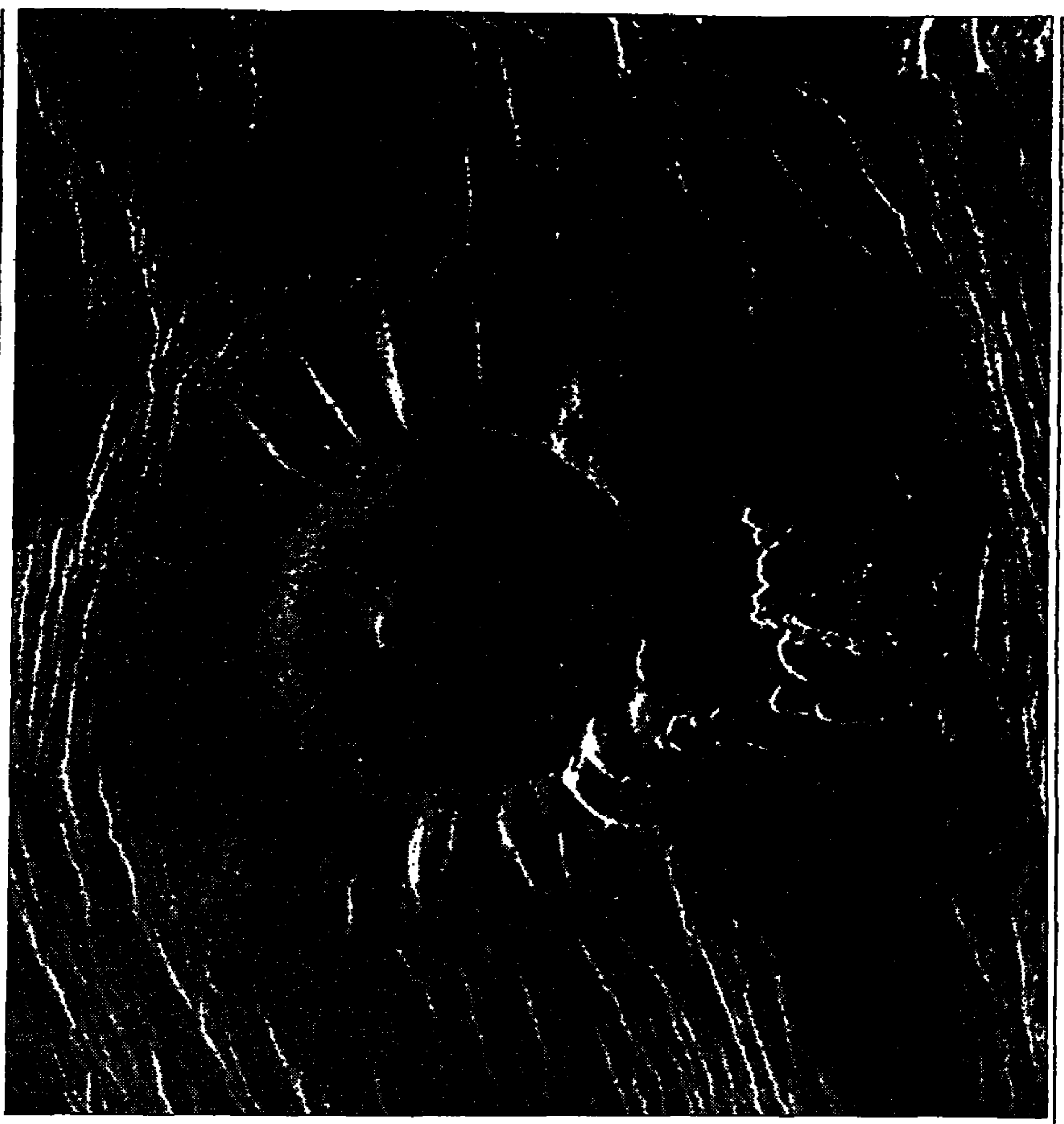

Peak viewing: a picture of an unusual volcanic development in the Eistla region of Venus transmitted by the American spacecraft Magellan. The volcano is about 41 miles wide at the base, with a slightly concave summit 22 miles in diameter (Nick Nuttall writes). The Magellan space probe, which is in orbit round Venus, has resumed transmitting pictures of the planet's surface after the fourth communications breakdown in its 243-day mapping mission.

Blighty tickets soon, says Major

From Robin Oakley in Riyadh

JOHN Major climbed aboard Brigadier Patrick Cordingley's 14 Delta tank at the headquarters of the 7th Armoured Brigade yesterday in Kuwait and told the Desert Rats that Britain was desperately proud of their role in one of the most remarkable military episodes in history.

He also gave them the message which they really wanted to hear, promising: "We won't keep you out here a day longer than we have to." He couldn't say exactly when they would get home but "I give you my word there will be no undue delay".

In a series of addresses to groups across the desert, Mr Major praised the troops for their "absolutely fabulous job" and "copybook exercise". And he told them that 56 million experts on Gulf war technology at home technology would, in their eagerness to learn more, give them no peace when they got home. They were all folk heroes now and, if they wanted it, all had the possibility of becoming saloon-bar bores.

Not only were the folks back home proud of the British troops but so were the Americans, he said. Any British soldier wondering where to spend his leave would find a real welcome on an American holiday. Then, perhaps remembering the balance of payments, the prime minister hastily added that British resorts would be equally appreciative of their custom.

Spending time with troops who have so convincingly won a war breeds optimism and Mr Major was as close to

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Paris court jails IRA gun-runners

By Edward Gorman, Irish Affairs Correspondent

THE Irish captain and crew of an IRA gun-running ship from Libya were sentenced to prison terms of five to seven years in Paris yesterday.

The Panamanian-registered Eksund was seized by French customs in October 1987 off Brittany. On board were 150 tons of weapons including surface-to-air missiles, mortar shells, rocket launchers and semtex high explosive.

Judge Martine Azani found the five crew guilty of the "transport of arms together in relation to a terrorist undertaking". She rejected defence submissions during the three-day trial in January that the IRA was not a terrorist organisation. She said that the IRA was "an armed group carrying out an insurrection within the meaning of the second protocol of the 1977 Geneva Convention".

The heaviest sentence of seven years was given to Adrian Hopkins, aged 52, the skipper, from Dalgany, co Wicklow, who was tried *in absentia* after he jumped bail in Paris and fled to Dublin where he is under arrest. Three members of the IRA, Gabriel Cleary, aged 43, James Doherty, aged 60, and James Coll, aged 42, were each jailed for five years. A fifth defendant, Henry Cairns, aged 47, who cooperated with the authorities and sat apart from his co-defendants during the trial, was given five years with two years suspended.

All five are forbidden from entering France for five years and were ordered to pay together a fine of £3.4 million to French customs. This is expected to add two months to their sentences on grounds of inability to pay.

Relatives of Cleary, Doherty and Coll in court to hear the verdicts, applauded the judge who could have imposed up to ten years on each of the men. "It could not be better," Coll said as he was led away. Antoine Comte, a defence lawyer, said that the three men would serve a maximum of 18 months in prison because they had already spent more than three years in jail awaiting trial and they would also benefit from good behaviour.

Hopkins is being held in the Republic of Ireland on 12 charges connected with an alleged plot to import guns and explosives for the IRA. His lawyers have filed papers at the High Court in Dublin demanding that the case against him be dropped on the grounds that the Irish authorities had guaranteed him immunity from prosecution.

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Peers urge rescue of industry

By Sheila Gunn
Political Correspondent

THE government is being warned today that Britain's manufacturing future is at risk unless it abandons its free market principles.

In a bleak report critical of the government's alleged neglect of manufacturing industry a House of Lords committee demands a package of urgent tax and investment incentives to rescue it from near to terminal decline. Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, last night warmly welcomed the report.

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Indian leader resigns

By Our Foreign Staff

CHANDRA Shekhar, the Indian prime minister, resigned yesterday after only four months in office, saying he could no longer continue in power after the Congress (I) party of Rajiv Gandhi, which had been supporting his administration, began a boycott of parliament this week.

Mr Chandra Shekhar called for immediate elections, although it is up to President Venkataraman to decide whether there should be polls. Under the constitution, the president has the option of asking someone else to attempt to form a government.

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French surgery cuts the NHS list

By Jill Sherman
Social Services Correspondent

Robert Davies had a final check-up from the eye specialist at the Boulogne Centre Hospitalier at lunchtime yesterday before heading off with his wife and son and a Michelin guide to savour the best cuisine in town. Two hours later, loaded up with duty free, the trio set off by car to catch the last Hoverspeed back to Dover.

The patient's parting words, two days after a successful cataract operation: "It was rather a good little holiday."

Mr Davies, aged 68, from Rochester, Kent, is the first of many British patients who in the next few months could skip health service waiting lists by having their operation done in France. He had to pay for his operation, though the price, £700, was a third of that quoted by his local private hospital. From next month, however, the French are confident that they will be able to bill the health authority direct.

The Centre Hospitalier, a 1,200-bed modern hospital standing on a hill on the outskirts of Boulogne, is discussing terms with 15 district health authorities to treat health service patients needing a variety of routine operations, including cataract removals and hip replacements. Three districts, Medway, Tunbridge Wells and Maidstone, are said to be particularly keen.

Monsieur Alain Lecherf, the deputy director, is convinced that the hospital can play an important role in helping Britain reduce its waiting lists once the health service reforms are implemented next month. From April 1 health authorities will be able to buy operations from any hospital in the country — and, M Lecherf argues, from any EC country too. However, the details still have to be smoothed out with officials in the health department, he said.

Once the Channel Tunnel opens in 1994 Monsieur Lecherf envisages sending ambulances to Do-

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Schhh... the general who can sell you anything

By Rachel Kelly
and Susan Ellicott

STORMIN' Norman may have seen off the Republican Guard but he faces a stiffer engagement with the headhunters back home. As the national military idol America craves, General Schwarzkopf is hot property.

"If there's one thing we lack in the US, it is heroes. General Schwarzkopf is the genuine article and we haven't had one of them since Eisenhower and MacArthur in 1945," says Jerry Della Femina, chairman of Della Femina McNamee, a top American advertising agency. "There isn't a product he couldn't endorse right now."

While he remains in the US Army, statutes forbid the general from lending his name to anything. But Schwarzkopf faces mandatory retirement this summer after 35 years on active duty and could become a millionaire in the first week of his return to civvies.

"He embodies trustworthiness," says Della Femina. "And he comes at a time when nearly everyone who has done well financially has gone to jail."

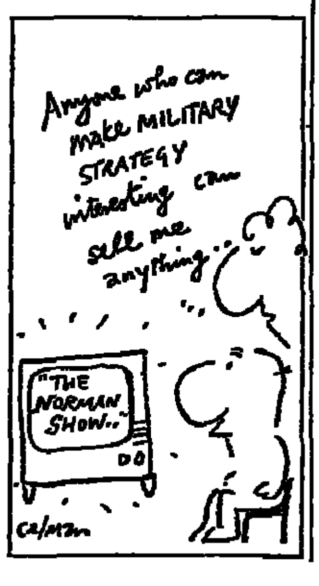
Among the other job prospects suggested by the American magazines, which are themselves cashing in on the four-star general's popularity, are company director, author, football coach, college president, lecturer firms and character actor.

Some members of Florida's Republican Party are eyeing Schwarzkopf to challenge their state's Republican senator, Bob Graham, in 1992. Supporters have drawn attention to his IQ of 170, telegenic smile, natural wit and no-nonsense manner.

"We're fairly sure he is a Republican," said Mr Van Poole, the state party's chairman. "Most military people are. But it really wouldn't matter if he wasn't because it's easy to become a Republican in Florida. All you have to do is sign a card."

The general himself has given no hint of his post-war intentions, drily informing inquirers that the clean-up operations in the Gulf are still under way. His wife Brenda and the Pentagon are keeping similarly mum. Before the war, however, he said he intended to retire when he returned, suggesting a peaceful life fishing and duck-shooting.

Schwarzkopf reputedly has an explosive temper, is a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and has proved himself a master of sarcasm. Madison Avenue is unlikely to be deterred by any of that. As one advertisement analyst put it: "That man could sell anything from Patriots to plumbing. He could scare the hell out of a clogged drain."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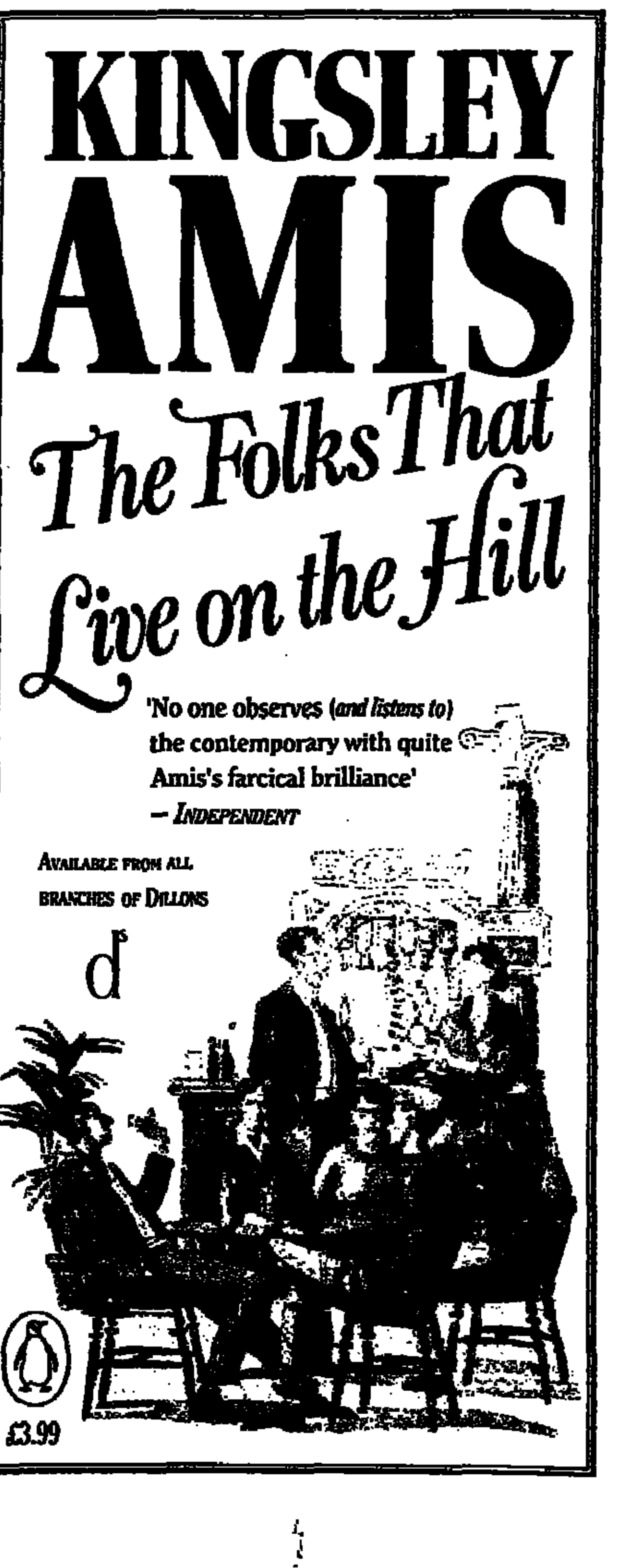
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Heseltine vows to save green belts from overdevelopment

By CHRISTOPHER WARMAN
PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

GREEN belts in the South-east of England will be protected and enhanced as development is aimed at other parts of the country, Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, promised yesterday. He was setting out the framework for the government's planning policies for the 1990s.

Addressing a conference on regional planning in London, he outlined three priorities for deciding on development within and beyond the South-east. They were to stimulate development in those parts of the country where it was most needed, particularly by regenerating older towns and cities and by recycling disused and underused land, to protect the environment in the South-east where it was under threat from excessive development, and to develop those less prosperous parts of the South-east which had potential for growth, such as the east Thames corridor.

Mr Heseltine dispelled the notion that planning in the South-east meant either a licence to pour concrete over the area or to man the barricades of nimbyism. He emphasised that the South-east was not the *only* part of the country with opportunities.

"In the age of the computer, the high-speed train and the fax, it can be as easy to run a business in Leeds, Newcastle or Liverpool, as it is in London or Guildford. In a European Community which stretches from the Greek islands to beyond the Shetlands it makes no sense to concentrate activity in one corner of this country." The South-east would not want to opt out of the opportunities, but it should neither attract disproportionately the prosperity nor bear disproportionately the brunt of development pressure.

He said the green belts made a vital contribution to the quality of life in the South-east. They had helped to check urban sprawl and safeguard the countryside, and by restricting outward sprawl they had also contributed to urban regeneration. But many green belt areas were brown. "Damaged and disused land is too often a feature of the urban fringe. We need to tackle the problem and upgrade these eyesores."

The value of green belts to communities would not be fully realised if policies were applied in the purely negative sense of presenting inappropriate development. The Countryside Commission had suggested that the functions of the green belts should be widened to enhance and improve the natural beauty of the countryside and to increase the opportunities for quiet enjoyment of the countryside. "I believe we should take these ideas very seriously."

Mr Heseltine gave little comfort to developers who are hoping for a relaxation of planning controls. He said he would give favourable consideration to good quality schemes for tackling damaged land in the green belt, and proposed changes for the future use of redundant hospitals to allow redevelopment, but "there is no question of the relaxation of green belt policy, and if developers think that what I am saying signals companies might be able to develop it, they are wrong."

Graham Pye, past president of the House-Builders Federation, told the conference that 750,000 more homes were needed in the South-east by the turn of the century. "All options, green field, urban wasteland, suburban, infill and new settlements must be considered." David Astor, chairman of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, said that appropriate economic development and countryside conservation must go hand in hand.

Servicemen to face poll tax bills on return from Gulf

By DOUGLAS BROOM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE first wave of service personnel returning from the Gulf will be presented with poll tax bills for the period they have been away, in spite of government plans to exempt them. Councils will be obliged to issue the bills following delays in drawing up an exemption scheme.

Although the servicemen and women will almost certainly have refunds once the scheme comes into operation, the failure to have it ready before the end of hostilities is likely to prove politically embarrassing for ministers.

The scheme, announced by Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, on February 19, has been dogged by delays. Officials have encountered difficulties in defining who should benefit. While the case of service personnel posted direct from Britain to the Gulf is clear cut, others, including many reservists, have been posted to bases outside the Middle East.

The position was further complicated last month by a High Court ruling which upset the accepted interpretation of the rules on poll tax exemption. Although the rules state that any person who spends more than six months outside Britain does not have to pay the tax, the court ruled that a seaman who spent three quarters of the year at sea could not claim exemption. A senior environment department source said: "The case of the seaman really threw a spanner into the works and we are still trying to sort out the position.

Further confusion followed a Commons written answer yesterday from Michael Portillo, the local government minister, in which he said: "There is no exemption for people serving in the Gulf." It was for the local community charge registration officer to decide when a person should have his or her name removed from the poll tax register, he said, adding: "It is our intention that those serving in the Gulf should not have to pay the charge during that period. We are currently considering what steps need to be taken to realise this objective."

Senior officials at the environment department now concede that it will be impossible to have the scheme running before the first servicemen return from the Gulf and that councils will have to issue them with bills. Part of the problem appears to be that the government is attempting to introduce the scheme through a guidance note to councils rather than by issuing legally binding regulations.

David Blunkett, Labour's local government spokesman, said: "Ministers are backtracking on their promise to exempt Gulf personnel from the poll tax. Servicemen and women who risked their lives on our behalf deserve better than this."

☐ Lambeth council in south-west London was meeting last night to agree to a £20 million package of cuts, half the figure the government says it must make to avoid capping. The ruling Labour group is believed to have endorsed a poll tax of just under £600 a head.

☐ More than one-third of those on the poll tax register in England and Wales have fallen into arrears or paid nothing at all, according to a survey published yesterday by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy.

Liverpool council workers strike

By RONNIE FAUX

COUNCIL services in Liverpool came to a halt yesterday as more than 20,000 council workers went on strike. They were protesting at plans by the Labour-controlled city council to make 1,400 of the workforce redundant.

Harry Rimmer, the council leader, said that the authority should start living in the real world. The redundancies were necessary as part of a package to save £22 million and set a legal budget for the government's deadline on Monday. About 1,000 strikers yelled insults at the ruling Labour moderates and cheered as they went into the council meeting.

The joint trades union committee which organised the strike threatened that the one-day stoppage would mark the beginning of a campaign to defend services and jobs if the vote went ahead. Schools throughout Liverpool were also disrupted and even burials were reported to have been delayed by the strike action.

The council is aiming to produce a community charge of £474. Alternative budgets were put by left-wing Labour councillors and by the Liberal Democrats, who attacked the strike action as an assault on vulnerable groups in Liverpool.

Paul Clark, Liberal Democrat leader, said his party's package of cuts would achieve the £474 poll tax for the city without there having to be any compulsory redundancies among council staff. Vicky Roberts, finance and strategy chairman, said that there was no certainty that any of the alternative budgets would hold up. She said it was vital that the council sent a clear signal that it was managing its affairs very responsibly.

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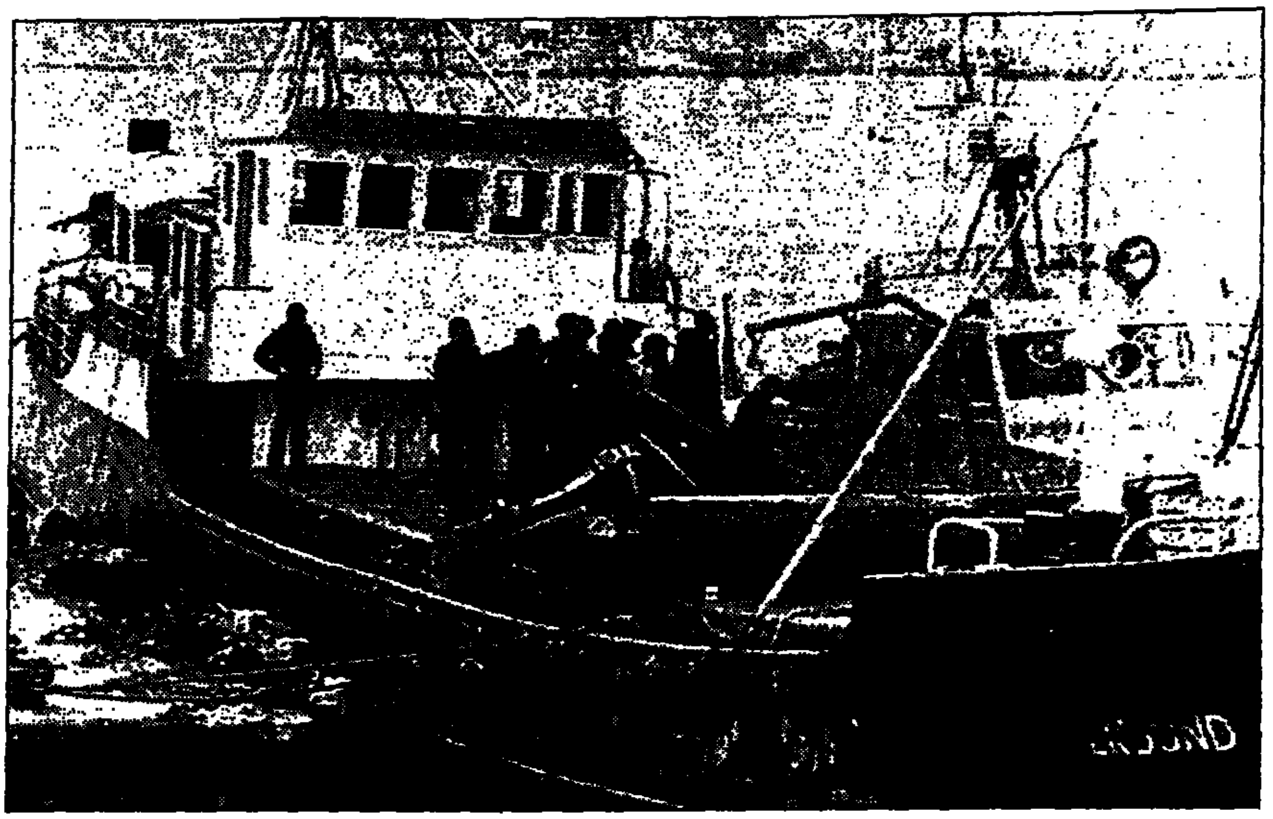

High and dry: French police unloading arms and explosives from the Eksund after the ship was seized off Brest

Libyan arms shipments allow IRA to maintain campaign of violence

The four shipments of arms and explosives known to have reached Ireland, including large quantities of semtex, will probably be enough to sustain the IRA for the rest of the decade, Edward Gorman reports

ARMS shipments from Libya, of which the Eksund was to have been the fifth between 1985 and 1986, remain the most important means of sustaining the IRA's campaign of violence.

Most analysts believe that the four vessels that managed to deliver their cargoes before the interception of the Eksund in October 1987, had already given the IRA enough arms to keep the group going for at least the rest of the decade. Even if the IRA suffers further depletion of its hard-core minority support, it appears that there will always be enough weapons and explosives to keep in operation the even smaller minority of fanatics who are prepared to murder.

The sheer size of the shipments received from Colonel Gadaffi are a key element in the IRA's "long war" strategy, helping to give credence to the group's claim to be able to outlast any British government determined to defeat it and to force an eventual British withdrawal from Northern Ireland.

The weaponry from Libya has been used by the IRA in Northern Ireland, in several countries in mainland Europe and on mainland Britain. Apart from thousands of rifles, RPG-7 rockets, hand grenades, flamethrowers, anti-aircraft guns, tons of ammunition and even anti-tank guns, the most commonly used and effective part of the shipments has been the estimated several tons of semtex high explosive.

That is estimated to be ten times more powerful than gelignite and the IRA has shown that small quantities of semtex can be used to deadly effect in car bombs, in warheads of homemade mortars and as boosters for big bombs made with homemade explosive. The IRA might well have used only a small fraction of its supplies of semtex which, unlike gelignite, does not deteriorate and can be stored indefinitely.

In spite of the large quantities of weapons brought in to Ireland by the IRA, estimated at 130-150 tons, police in Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic have had only very limited success in recovering significant amounts. Last month, five years after the last batch arrived, Patrick Culligan, the new Irish police commissioner, said that his top priority was the launch of a new hunt for the many caches of arms believed to be hidden by the IRA in rural areas south of the border.

"We are very conscious that out there, secreted somewhere, there are very, very large stores of firearms, ammunition and explosives," Mr Culligan said. "We haven't got to them, but we always hope that we will get to them, and we will be targeting to see how best we can get around to doing something in that area, because it is a big problem."

Of the original 150 tons, security sources believe that about only seven tons, less than 5 per cent, has been recovered on either side of the border. There have been only two fairly large discoveries: one at Five Fingers Strand in Co Donegal on the west coast in February 1988, probably as a result of a tip-off from an informer inside the IRA, and another at Portmarnock, in Co Dublin.

Part of the problem is that the IRA allows only limited amounts of weaponry across the border into Northern Ireland – often not much more than the amount needed for a single operation – and, in general, the group has not used its weapons extravagantly. In spite of possessing thousands of Kalashnikovs, for example, the IRA often circulates one weapon, using it a number of times in various operations before it is discarded or recovered by the security forces. It was only after the interception of the Eksund that the authorities in Ireland, north and south, realised the extent of the intelligence failure which had allowed four earlier shipments to get through.

In detailed statements after his arrest, Adrian Hopkins, the Eksund skipper, told French police how he had been paid more than £150,000 by the IRA to run four shipments between August 1985 and October 1986, all of which landed safely at Clogga Strand, about 40 miles south of Dublin.

Ann Rose Doherty, wife of James Doherty, and Adrian Hopkins, Eksund skipper

Democrats play tactical voting card

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Liberal Democrats launched a final push yesterday to unseat the Conservatives in Ribble Valley and bring off a by-election upset to rank alongside their triumph at Eastbourne.

Buoyed by an opinion poll showing them within striking distance of the Conservatives, the Liberal Democrats were concentrating on trying to squeeze the Labour vote in the north Lancashire seat. Personalised letters were being hurriedly despatched to 4,000 potential Labour defectors in an attempt to close an 11 point gap between the two front runners as identified by an NOP survey.

Mike Carr, a teacher, who is now the clear challenger to Nigel Evans, a Welsh newsagent and politics graduate who is defending a 19,528 Conservative majority, set off on a tour of the villages and hamlets of the Lancashire Pennines. However, the real work was taking place back at party headquarters in Clitheroe.

NOP has given Labour 18 per cent of the vote and the Liberal Democrats estimate they need to halve that to pip Mr Evans in the ballot today. The Conservatives, privately shaken by a poll suggesting that tactical voting could cost them their 10th safest seat at the last election, were rushing out their own leaflet highlighting Mr Carr's admission that his party's proposed local income tax would work out at £250 more than the poll tax for the average wage earner.

Mr Carr found no shortage of converts as he hustled through the villages of Sabden, Read and Whalley. His message was simple: vote for me and you'll kill the poll tax.

Stephen Miller, who owns the chip shop in Read, said that he would never again vote Conservative. He calculates that the poll tax and the new business rate have cost him £600-£700 and cut his trade by £50-£100 a week. The young lads from the pub now go straight home after closing time, he said yesterday as he hurried after Mr Carr to pledge his support.

Joyce Holgate, bristling among the cards and candy in her little shop on Whalley high street, was another Conservative waverer. A combination of the poll tax and the business rate (up 175 per cent in her case) were threatening to put her out of business.

Mrs Holgate, whose family farm adjoins that of Lord Waddington, the leader of the Lords and the former local MP, was close to despair as she surveyed her shrinking assets. "I've had two people in the shop saying they're going to vote for Screaming Lord Sutch. It might not be such a bad idea. At least he admits he's daft. I have always voted Conservative and I don't want to change. But I can't see them coming up with any of the answers. I object to them bringing in a Welshman." At the Conservative press conference Lord Waddington accused the Liberal Democrats of waging an unscrupulous campaign. It had boiled down to: "We don't like the poll tax and we don't like Welshmen."

For his part, Mr Evans said he was delighted that the survey had put him 11 points ahead.

Lord Waddington, in a not-so-subtle use of the Gulf card, said the by-election would come down to a vote of confidence in the prime minister and the way he had led the country at this difficult time.

Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, said that the prime minister must be a worried man as he flew home from Kuwait to find that no Conservative seat was safe.

General election 1987: D Waddington (C) 30,136, 60.9 per cent; M Carr (SDP/All) 10,608, 21.4 per cent; G Pope (Lab) 8,781, 17.7 per cent. C majority: 19,528.

Remand on kidnapping charge

A man aged 43 was yesterday remanded in custody for seven days by magistrates at Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, charged with kidnapping Margaret Smith, wife of a multi-millionaire. No application was made for reporting restrictions to be lifted during the appearance of John Warrington, of Piccotts End, Hemel Hempstead at Dacorum court.

He faced three charges: kidnapping Mrs Smith on February 28, assaulting her and unlawfully imprisoning her in "some secret and private place", and making demands with menaces that she would not be returned safely until £500,000 had been paid to him by Mrs Smith's husband, Roger. Mr Warrington's solicitor, Mr Andrew Weldon, made no application for bail.

Ulster funerals

Five Catholics murdered by the loyalist Ulster Volunteer Force were buried yesterday. Thousands attended the funeral of John Quinn, aged 23, Malcolm Nugent, aged 20, Thomas Armstrong, aged 50, and Dwynne O'Donnell, aged 17, who were shot outside a Tyrone public house. In Belfast, meanwhile, hundreds attended the funeral of Michael Lenihan, aged 49, a taxi-driver and father of four.

Cold shoulder

The West Midlands passenger transport authority withheld £500,000 in subsidies to British Rail yesterday in protest at BR's poor performance during last month's severe weather. The authority gives British Rail £26 million a year for running loss-making services and the amount withheld was one week's subsidy.

Killed by mud

A man died after being hit by a 7lb lump of wet mud as he watched two chimney stacks being demolished, an inquest heard yesterday. Lionel Cooper, a newsagent aged 46, was hit as the chimneys crashed into a field next to a power station in Plymouth, Devon. He died later from a ruptured liver and right lung. The Plympton inquest jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

Trial delayed

The second part of the Guinness trial, which was to start next Monday, will not now begin until the middle of April, more than 14 months after the first hearing opened before a jury at Southwark crown court. The postponement has been forced by the over-running of the pre-trial review which began last autumn and was expected to be completed by Christmas.

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Hoaxer jailed

A man who made bomb hoax calls to the emergency services, a coal pit and a local newspaper office was jailed for 12 months yesterday. Unemployed Jeffrey Llewellyn, aged 29, of Crynant, West Glamorgan, admitted making the calls. He was given a further three months for theft.

The judge at Swansea crown court, described him as "a persistent public nuisance".

Prison facelift

A £25 million scheme, including a new ward and others refurbished with single rooms, was announced yesterday for Rampton hospital in north Nottinghamshire, which holds some of Britain's most dangerous mentally ill criminals.

Libel damages

The BBC agreed to pay "substantial" libel damages to the Hanson group in the High Court yesterday over allegations in the *Six O'Clock News*, concerning the proposed sale of PowerGen to Hanson plc.

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New explosives test proves me wrong, scientist tells court

By Stewart Tendler

THE Home Office scientist who provided key evidence for the Court of Appeal to reject the release of the Birmingham Six in 1988 told the court yesterday that she accepted new research showing her findings did not prove that explosives had been handled by one of the men.

Janet Drayton, who has now left the forensic science service, told the court on the third day of the men's latest appeal that she accepted findings from two other scientists that a reading on a laboratory machine which she said indicated nitro-glycerine traces could have been caused by other substances.

At the last appeal the judges were impressed by a reading she obtained on a machine called a gas chromotography mass spectrometry (GCMS). In 1987 Dr Drayton had said that the reading was unlikely to have been caused by anything other than nitroglycerine.

The point was used as one of the factors for rejecting the appeal of the six — Richard McIlkenny, Gerry Hunter, Johnny Walker, Billy Power, Hugh Callaghan and Paddy Hill — convicted in 1975 for the Birmingham public house bombings in which 21 people were killed.

Yesterday, the new Court of Appeal sitting was told that records have been found of the operation of the GCMS machine on the day Dr Drayton was using it in 1974. The records were originally found in 1987, handed over to the Home Office before the last appeal, but did not emerge until last September.

The court was told yesterday that the records did not include details of the test carried out by Dr Drayton on a sample taken from the hand of Hill which was said to have given a positive reading. They did show, however, that during the day the machine was being operated sample readings to make sure the machine was running properly threw up the same reading for nitroglycerine. Dr Drayton told the court she would have cleaned out the machine if she obtained this reading on a test run before carrying out actual investigations.

Michael Mansfield, QC, representing five of the men, told the court earlier that the flawed scientific evidence which helped to convict the six contaminated everyone involved in the original trial. Police, lawyers, the judge and the original jury had been contaminated by the certainty of evidence from the scientist, Dr Frank Skuse, that two of the men had handled explosives. Mr Mansfield said that evidence by Dr Skuse had dominated events. The detective in charge of the case had told his men that some of the six had been covered in explosives as a result of tests carried out by Dr Skuse.

As a result confessions resulted swiftly. One of the six was broken by the news and was said to have confessed within ten minutes and other confessions followed. Mr Mansfield said the suggestion the men had handled explosives had a dominating effect. The claim that the men had handled explosives undermined the men's case that confessions were extracted from them. Dr Skuse had also been used to buttress police evidence but he was not a reliable scientist.

Counsel for the Director of Public Prosecutions told the court yesterday that if research now available had been given to the last appeal the judges would have thrown out the scientific material. Last month, the DPP in preliminary hearings told the court he could no longer rely on the scientific evidence on which the six were convicted. Yesterday Timothy Langdale, for the DPP, told the court that if the new research had been available and placed before the Court of Appeal in 1987, its conclusions would have been different on the scientific evidence.

The case continues today.

Car chase ended with guns find, jury told

TWO loaded Kalashnikov rifles and ammunition were found when a high-speed police chase through north London ended in the arrest of a young Irish student, a Central Criminal Court jury was told yesterday.

Traces of five different explosive substances were also found in the Cortina car being driven at 70mph by Kevin O'Donnell, John Nutting said for the prosecution. One of the substances found both in the car and on O'Donnell's clothing was a component of Semtex, "a high explosive invariably used by the IRA".

Mr O'Donnell, aged 21, an agricultural student at the Harper Adams Agricultural College, Edgmond, Shropshire, whose home is in Co Tyrone, denies possessing the rifles with intent to endanger life on May 20 last year.

The court was told that he was arrested when police chased him through darkened streets in the early hours after noticing he behaved suspiciously as he passed them. Mr Nutting said Mr O'Donnell maintained he knew nothing about explosions or explosive devices.

Mr Nutting said that when Mr O'Donnell was taken to the police station two sealed boxes of ammunition were found in his pocket. After seeing his solicitor a two-page statement was handed to the police on his behalf. In it he said he drove a car after drinking seven to eight pints of cider, the prosecution said.

After finding the guns he was "terrified at the implications" and it was his intention to dispose of them as quickly as possible. "I had never made use of any gun in my life and have no intention of so doing nor have I any intention of harming any person," the statement was alleged to have said. Mr Nutting said that the statement begged many more questions than it answered.

The trial was adjourned until today.

Saturday Review

What *is* terror?

The words terror and terrorism pockmark much media coverage of events from London rail station bombings to Middle East hijackings. But what is terror? How is terrorism different from criminality? Conor Gearty explores an abused linguistic landscape

Rock and wholesome

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Liz Smith on spacey outfits from Britain's top designers, already showing off their autumn clothes

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Slump boosts legal service applicants

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

THE Government Legal Service, traditionally the Cinderella of the legal profession, is experiencing a record number of applications from lawyers disenchanted with private practice or feeling the squeeze of the recession.

A recent recruitment round produced more than 200 applications from qualified lawyers for 25 jobs, while the Home Office had 120 applications for two jobs.

Margaret Harrup, who heads the Lawyers' Management Unit, which coordinates the legal teams across the departments, said: "A lot of people are actively looking for alternative work. It's partly the difficulties of, for example, high street practices, but it is also a desire for a completely different kind of work."

Two years ago a report by Sir Robert Andrew, former permanent under-secretary at the Northern Ireland Office, painted a bleak picture of recruitment in the Government Legal Service, with widespread vacancies, low morale and a steady drain of staff to private practice, commerce or industry.

The service, however, is now enjoying a reversal of fortunes: there are some 900 lawyers employed in all departments (excluding the Crown Prosecution Service), which means only a handful of vacancies — 3.3 per cent — are unfilled. Anthony Inglese, a government lawyer involved in recruitment, says the service offers a lot of responsibility and a range of work.

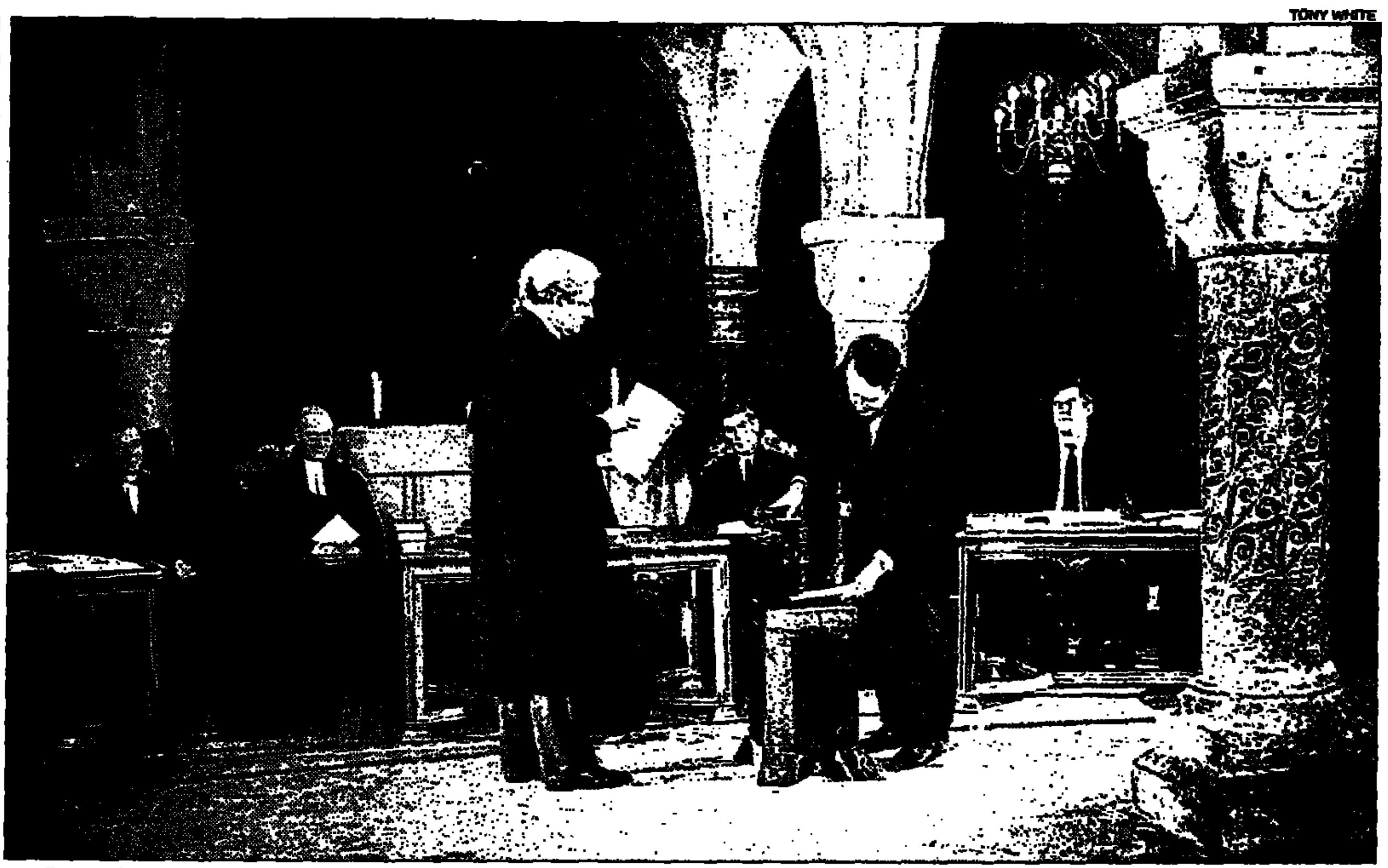
An extra incentive for government lawyers is the possibility of acquiring increased rights of audience in the higher courts. Sir Allan Green, Director of Public Prosecutions, is supporting an application by the Law Society for rights of audience for all solicitors; and it is likely that similar rights would be extended to all other lawyers employed by the government.

● The Government Legal Service will be among nearly 80 employers with stands at this year's Law Fair on March 14 and 15. The fair, sponsored by the Law Society, Bar and *The Times*, is expected to attract 5,000 students from across the country. Further details from: 071 387 8221.

● Eric Hammond, general secretary of the EETPU electricians' union, and the Rev Dr Colin Morris, former controller of BBC Northern Ireland, are among nine lay members chosen by the Lord Chancellor for a key role in implementing the Government's legal reforms.

The lay members and eight lawyers, announced yesterday, will serve on the Lord Chancellor's advisory committee on legal education and conduct, which starts work next month on dismantling the monopolies of the legal profession.

Green: supports increase in rights of audience



TONY WHITE

Rear Admiral David Macey, the Receiver-General, puts a seal on a certificate of election for the new Archbishop of Canterbury after the vote

Cathedral canons cast votes for Carey

By Ruth Gledhill
Religious Affairs Correspondent

DR GEORGE Carey was elected Archbishop of Canterbury yesterday in an hour-long legal ceremony at Canterbury cathedral.

The Greater Chapter of Canterbury met in the Chapel of Our Lady Undercroft in the crypt to vote Dr Carey in as archbishop in what was effectively a legal formality under the 1533 Appointment of Bishops Act. Any misgivings by individual voters were kept private as the chapter closed ranks behind Dr Carey, who has faced criticism over his recent statement on women's ordination.

The only evidence that anyone might have abstained came from Canon Peter Naylor, who had said on Sunday that he had not decided what to do. He refused yesterday to disclose his vote.

Dr Carey had angered traditionalists by his assertion in a magazine interview that "the idea that only a male can represent Christ at the altar is a most serious heresy".

Dr Carey later retracted his use of the word heresy and said that he should have spoken instead of "theological error" — a move that has failed to placate some critics.

Until the law changed in 1967, chapter members voting against an archbishop faced serious penalties, including banishment or forfeiture of land. The results of such votes are always kept secret, but it is believed that it would have been unprecedented for any canon to vote against a future archbishop.

The Very Rev John Simpson, Dean of Canterbury, who formally announced Dr Carey's election at evensong last night, said: "I think he will be a very strong evangelist. His commitment to evangelism and proclaiming a very clear Christian gospel will characterise the whole of his time as archbishop."

The dean and the 29 canons who attended voted in the presence of Andrew Davies, the chapter registrar. Five canons were unable to attend. Canon Alan Dawkins said: "There was no division that I know about. It was a private vote."

The election will be confirmed by the Commission of Bishops, due to meet at the church of St Mary-le-Bow, London, on March 27, when Dr Carey will legally become archbishop. He will be enthroned at Canterbury next month.

Chief Rabbi wins top religion award

By our Religious Affairs Correspondent

LORD Jakobovits, Chief Rabbi of Great Britain and the Commonwealth, was yesterday awarded the Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion. Lord Jakobovits, aged 70, who retires in September, is to spend the £410,000 prize money on research into medical, business and other ethical issues.

The prize is awarded annually to a person who has advanced humankind's understanding of God. Lord Jakobovits, the first Jew to win the award, said: "In my wildest dreams, I could never have envisaged such a supreme honour.".

He said that he wished to study further the relationship between the materialistic world and the demands and aspirations of the spirit. Material advances, he said, had been so spectacular they had not left time to breathe. He wanted to work out "how to establish a new world based on an enormous material prosperity and at the same time establish values which transcend time and are as valuable today as they were 2,000 years ago".

Lord Tonypandy, former speaker of the Commons, who nominated Lord Jakobovits for the prize, said: "He has above all shown exemplary originality and courage in interpreting the traditional values of Judaism and in their application to the spiritual and political problems which today beset Jews individually and collectively."

Lord Jakobovits: "Prize beyond wildest dreams"

Domestic staff 'virtual slaves'

By Alice Thomson

MANY of the 3,000 overseas domestic workers in London are still living in virtual slavery, according to anti-slavery campaigners who met yesterday in London.

A Filipino domestic worker, who used to work for a high-ranking Kuwaiti family, told how she was forced to sleep on the floor between the bedroom and bathroom. "I had to wear a bell so they could call me at any time to wash, clean and serve their food," she said.

"They fed me on leftovers and used to kick me at night on the way to the bathroom." She claimed that she had been raped by one of her employers before managing to escape.

The conference, organised jointly by Anti-Slavery International, the Commission for Filipino Migrant Workers and Kalayaan (Campaign for Justice for Overseas Domestic Workers), was aimed at highlighting the plight of the workers.

The domestics come from poor Third World countries who work abroad to earn money to support their families. They have usually been employed in the Middle East and have been bought subsequently to England.

Sally Hautot of Kalayaan, said: "They are only allowed into England as visitors and have no rights, having to stay with the families who employed them. Many of their employers take away their passports and lock them up like animals."

Other escaped domestic workers, shrouded in shawls because of fear of recrimination by their former employers, also told their stories to the conference, chaired by Lord Hylton, who has led the campaign in the House of Lords for improved government policies for domestic workers.

Dudley Fishburn, whose Kensington constituency houses numerous overseas domestic servants, said: "As an Englishman I find it utterly wrong to have bonded servants when slavery was abolished here over 150 years ago. The worst of Third World practise has popped itself down in the heart of Kensington."

Warning on horse trade ban

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

JOHN Gummer, the agriculture minister, warned MPs yesterday that the government faced an uphill struggle to persuade other European Community countries that animal welfare was a proper concern of civilised societies and not merely an eccentric preoccupation of the British.

Appearing before a Commons agriculture select committee enquiry into the transport of live animals, Mr Gummer promised to fight for the retention of the present ban on the export of British horses for slaughter on the Continent but said there was almost no understanding of the British attitude abroad.

"They think our view is entirely irrational and incomprehensible," he said. "They see the ban simply as a restraint on trade and accuse us of wishing to protect the interests of our slaughterhouses by insisting on having horses slaughtered here before export."

Since the 1950s Britain has allowed only horses above a minimum value and below a certain age to be exported alive. That has effectively limited the live trade to thoroughbred animals for competition or breeding. From the start of 1992, when the single market comes into effect, the minimum value system will be illegal.

Most at risk if the live trade resumes will be wild ponies from Dartmoor, Exmoor, the Shetland Isles and the New Forest, whose flesh is considered a delicacy on the Continent. As far as the live transport of other animals for slaughter was concerned, the best Britain could hope for was to get the rest of the EC to accept regulations similar to those already in force here, Mr Gummer said. Consumers abroad wanted the live trade to continue and it would be illegal for Britain to restrict it unilaterally.

Britain now limits slaughterhouse journeys to a maximum of 15 hours, whereas the European Commission is talking of setting a basic limit throughout the EC of 24 hours. Animal welfare groups want journeys limited to a maximum of eight hours but would prefer Britain to ban the live trade entirely.

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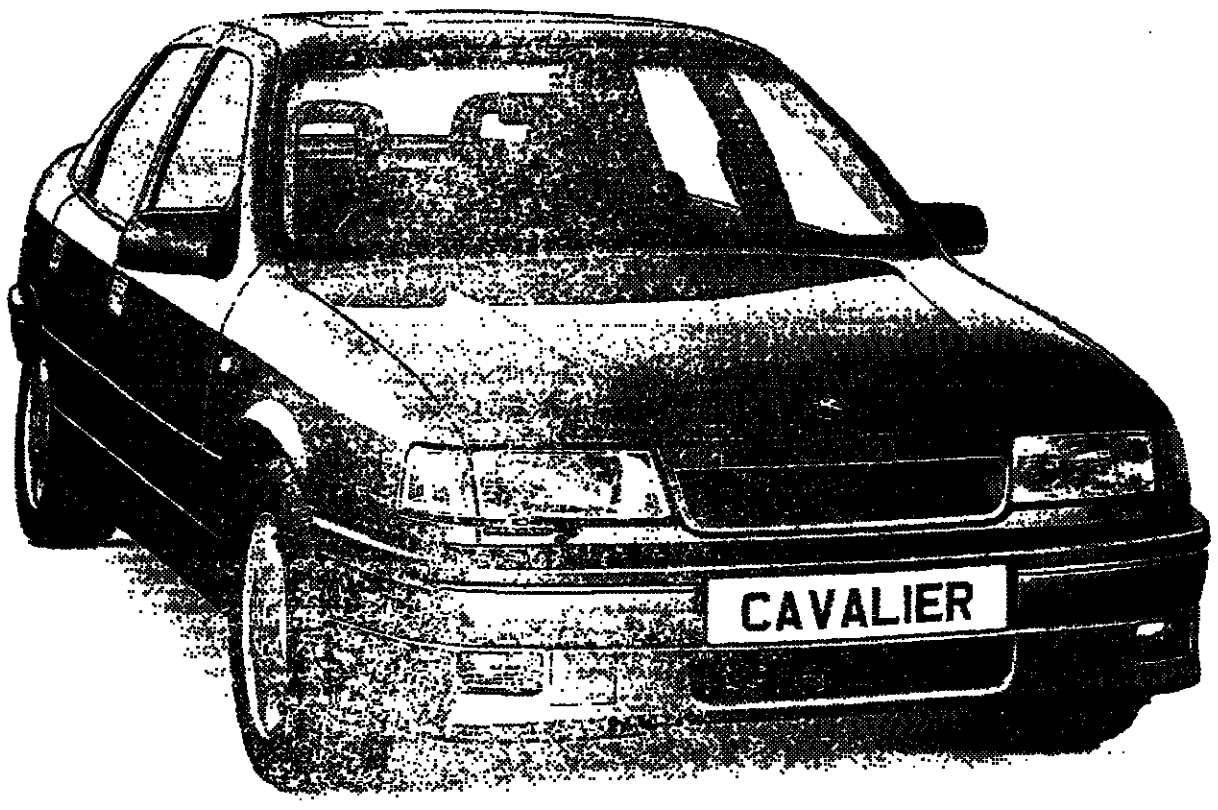

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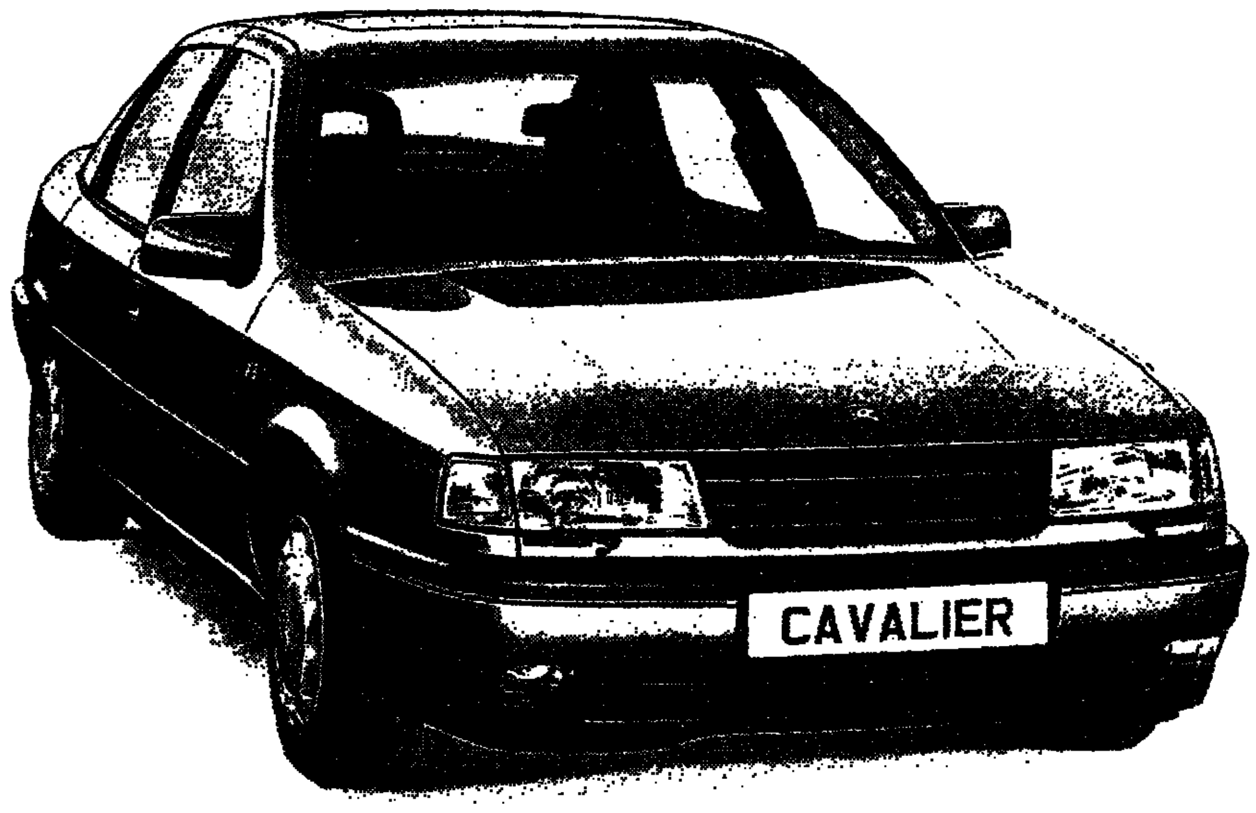

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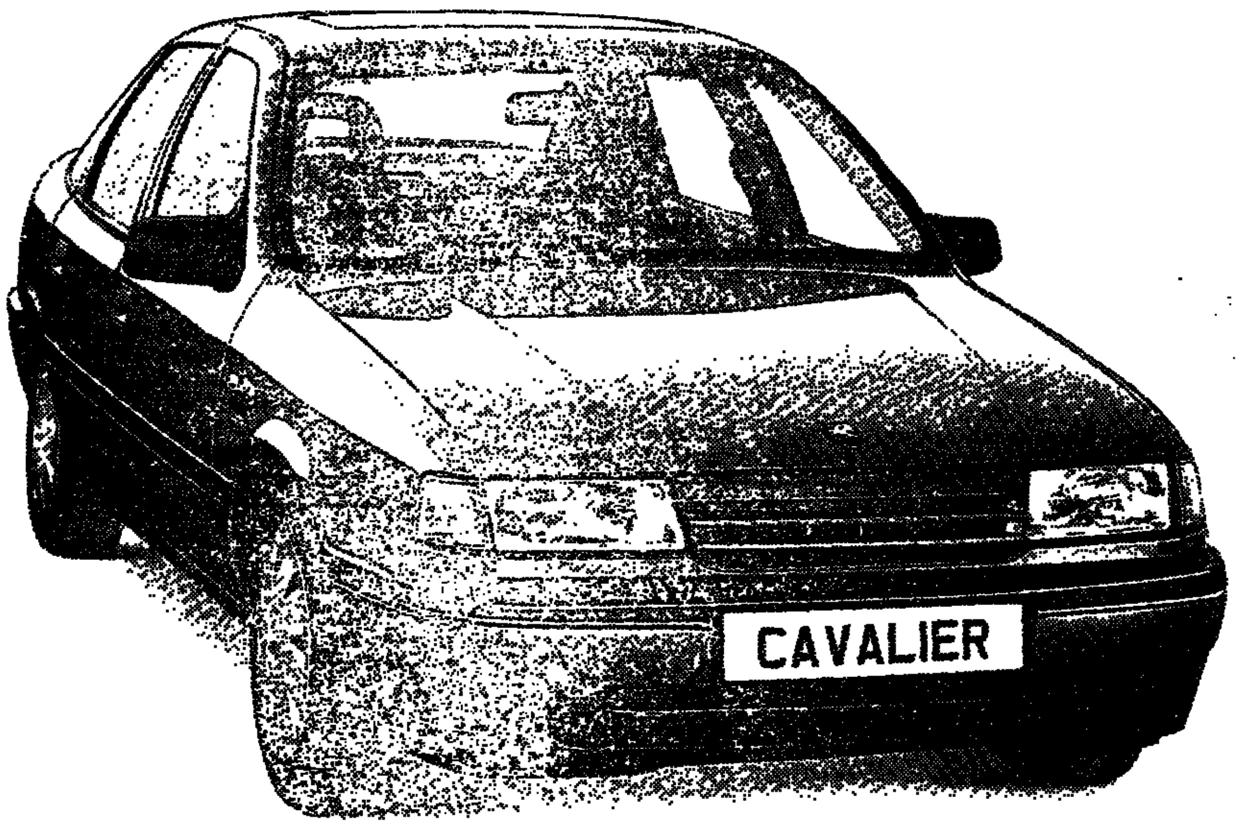

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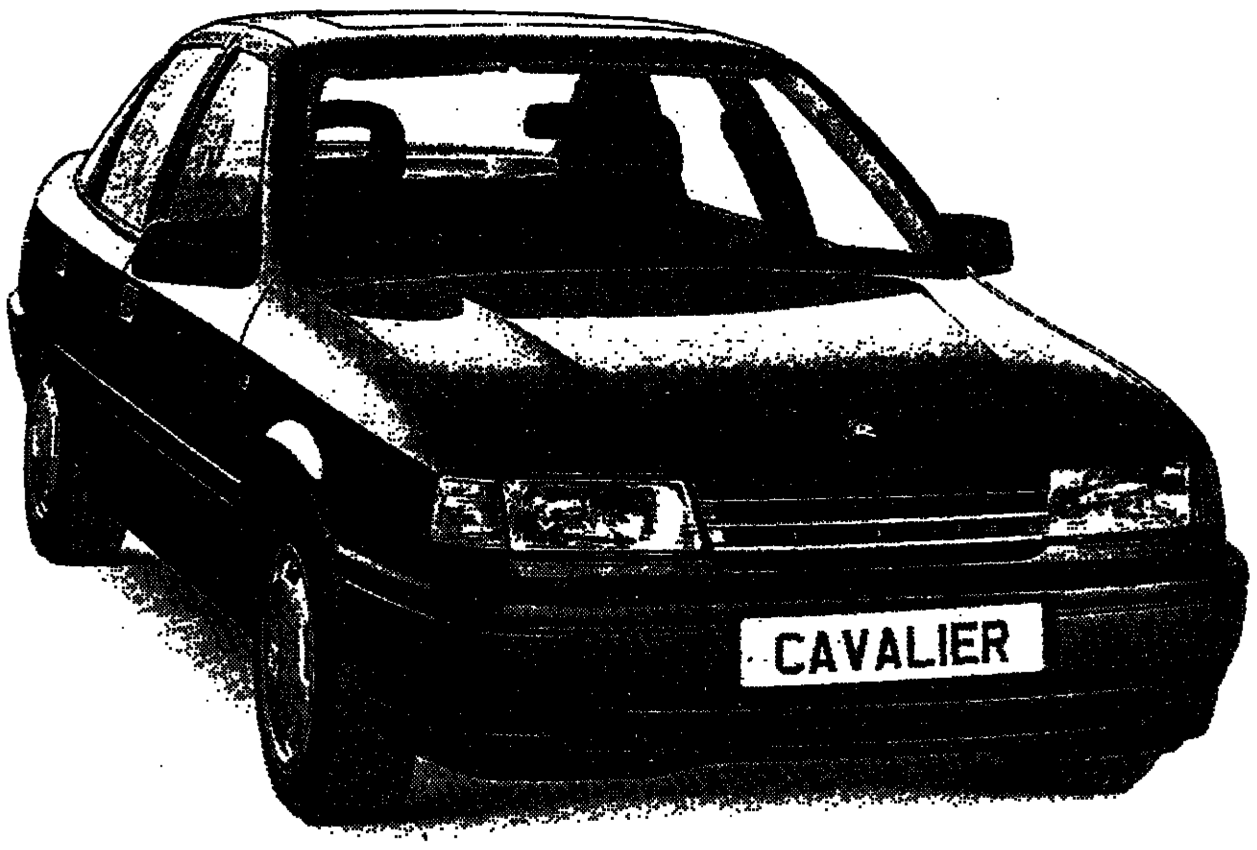

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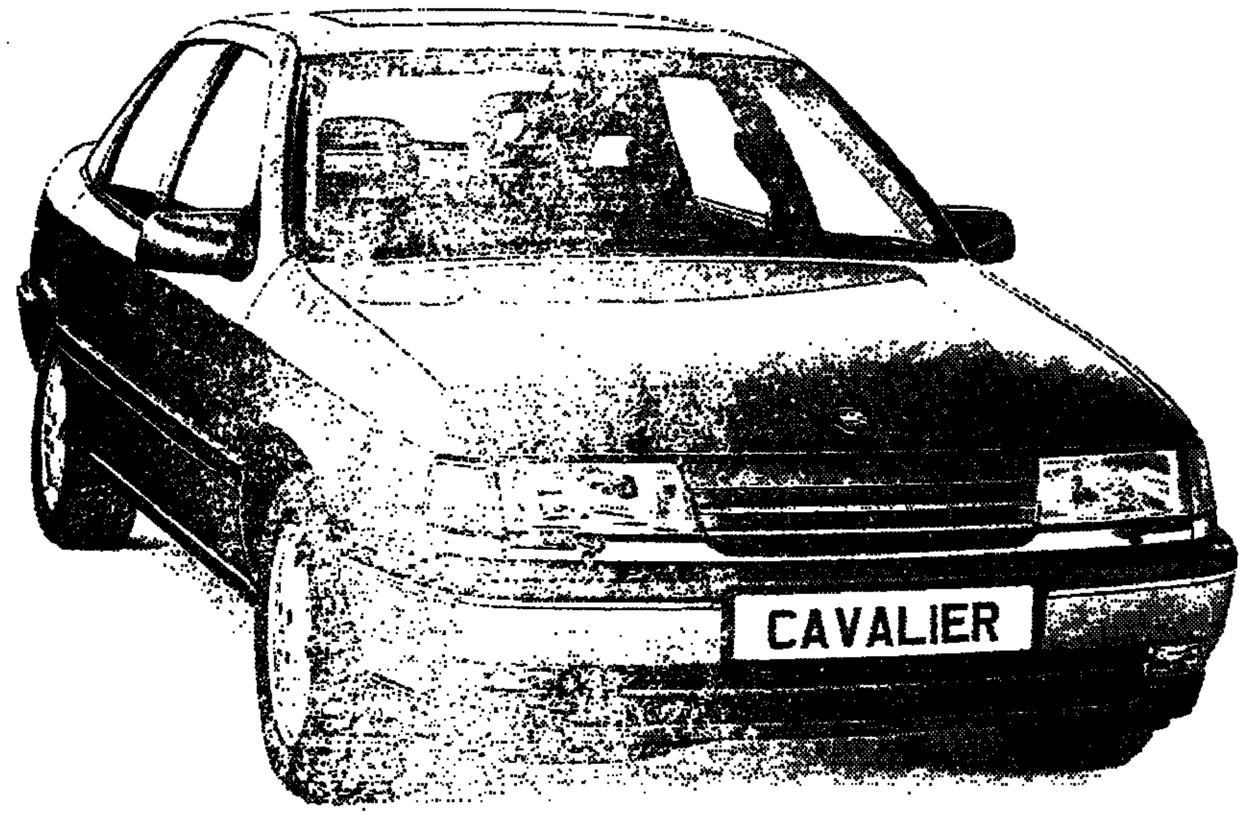

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Thatcherite policy on investment must end, peers say

By Sheila Gunn, Political Correspondent

BRITAIN risks losing its manufacturing sector unless the government abandons the Thatcherite ideology of leaving industry to market forces, a House of Lords report says today.

With virtually no net investment in manufacturing during the 1980s, the peers condemn the lack of help to industry under the Conservative administrations since 1979. The lack of political will and turnover at the trade and industry department, with 12 secretaries of state in less than 12 years, is also criticised.

They recommend urgent tax and policy changes as probably Britain's last chance to survive against competitors, but do not advocate a return to state interventionism.

In the bleakest analysis of the country's economic future since Lord Aldington's overseas trade report in 1985, the peers appeal to the government and industrialists to champion a renaissance in British manufacturing industry and eradicate the £12 billion balance of payments deficit.

After a year-long enquiry the cross-party committee urges John Major and his cabinet to lead a campaign to alert Britain to the need to make new products. The report concludes: "Our recommendations will necessarily result in more government interest and involvement in industry. While the mistakes of the past have caused these ideas to become unfashionable, the pendulum has swung too far the other way.

"All the evidence shows that the present lack of government commitment, support and assistance is deeply damaging to industry and to our national interest. We are confident that the changes we recommend would contribute significantly to restoring a better balance between the two extremes of government policy."

At a Westminster press conference, the chairman, the industrialist Lord Caldecote, added: "We are not suggesting that the government picks winners. But the government can act as a catalyst for innovation."

The report's key recommendations are for stronger political leadership at the trade department; more public funds for innovation, research and development and high-risk projects; increased regional aid; lower and stable interest rates; tax allowances for research and development and company training; and greater influence for independent, non-executive directors.

The report says that the manufacturing industry has suffered from a perceived neglect by the government and from the government's indifference to the decline. That should now change. Captains of industry must court publicity and fly the flag of manufacturing. Many senior and middle managers who gave evidence showed themselves to be dynamic, committed and inspiring.

"Yet the common perception of manufacturing is that it is dull, dirty and undemanding. They must challenge this perception at every turn. The problems of our shrinking manufacturing base can no longer be ignored, particularly in view of the damage being done by the current recession."

The report adds that antipathy to manufacturing industry runs deep in British society with industry held in low esteem and attracting too little of the country's talent and resources. By comparison the Japanese and Germans take pride in their industrial achievements.

Lord Aldington's committee warned the government in 1985 that the decline contained "the seeds of a major political and economic crisis in the foreseeable future". While Nigel Lawson, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, ridiculed those findings, today's report repeats that a healthy manufacturing base is essential and a service industry is no substitute.

Lord Kearton, who sat on both enquiries, said: "Our sombre report is based on the evidence we received rather than coming from old men sitting around pontificating. What struck us most was that we did not find a single cheerful witness."

The Confederation of British Industry said last night: "We still have the legacy of the many years when manufacturing was thought not to be a prestigious thing to do."

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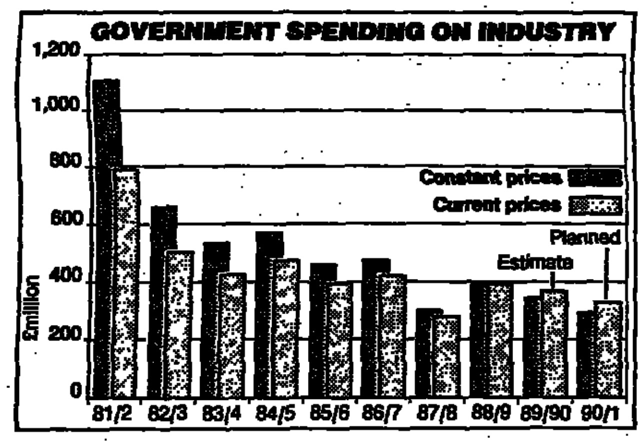

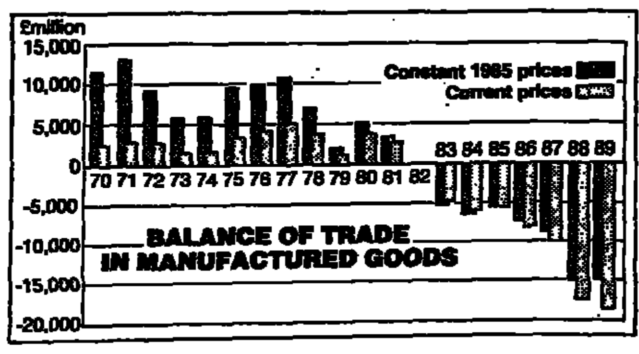

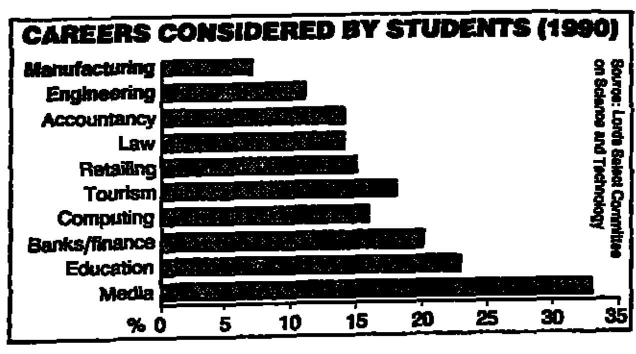

PETER TRIEVNOR

Tsar potential: Sir Peter Ustinov views an exhibit from a show of Russian art from the turn of the century which opens at the Hayward Gallery on the South Bank, London, today. "The Twilight of the Tsars" includes 700 exhibits never seen in Britain

Sheriff to rule if children can go home

By Kerry Gill

THE parents of nine children alleged to have been subjected to ritual sexual abuse will be told today whether their children can be returned to their homes instead of being held in care for another three weeks.

Sheriff Principal Ronald Ireland, QC, will decide whether some or all of the Orkney children, taken from their beds by social workers in a dawn raid last Wednesday, should be allowed home pending a court hearing. His decision will be given to the parents' lawyers this morning.

The four families involved last night appealed to the sheriff against a 21-day care order issued by a children's hearing in Kirkwall on Tuesday. Each case was dealt with in turn at the appeal hearing held in private in the town's courthouse. It was attended by the parents and their legal representatives including a counsel flown in from Edinburgh.

If the sheriff rules that children should be released from care the social work department may make a further appeal to the Court of Session, Scotland's supreme civil court, against his decision. The children might then have to remain in care before the Court of Session gives its ruling.

As the parents arrived at court, a group of about 50 supporters gathered waving placards calling for the children to be sent home. After an hour they were told that Sheriff Ireland wanted to consider the cases overnight.

One mother said she was a little more hopeful of getting back her two sons since the sheriff had not made an instant decision. Another said: "What can you say? It is like hitting your head against a brick wall, but keep strong." Parents have received messages of support from Rochdale families whose children were taken into care.

Strathclyde region has issued a report saying that child abuse cases in the region had more than doubled in the last four years. Cases involving sexual abuse had increased more than five-fold in the same period.

Extra cash hope for jobless

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

MINISTERS believe there is a strong case for increasing money available to help unemployed people with special needs, leading voluntary groups claimed yesterday.

Leaders of 13 principal voluntary organisations involved in training unemployed people said that Robert Jackson, the employment minister, recognised the case for additional money.

The employment department would not comment on the charities' claims in advance of the Budget, but there is some expectation in Whitehall that as well as announcing a new scheme to provide temporary work experience for the unemployed, Norman Lamont, the chancellor, is likely in the Budget to provide some additional money for Employment Training, the programme for the long-term adult unemployed.

Parents 'misled' on vitamins

By Thomson Prentice
Medical Correspondent

PARENTS who buy vitamin pills believing that they will boost their children's intelligence are being misled by recent publicity, according to the science journal *Nature*.

The journal says in an editorial today that the simultaneous launch last week of a brand of pills and the publication of research on their effects is "reprehensible."

The study showed that a group of American schoolchildren given the mult-vitamin and mineral supplements for three months gained an average of about four IQ points. The specially formulated pills were then launched in Britain by Booker Nutritional Products, of Weybridge, Surrey, with an advertising campaign referring to the study.

Nature says today that the children's IQ gains could be due to chance.

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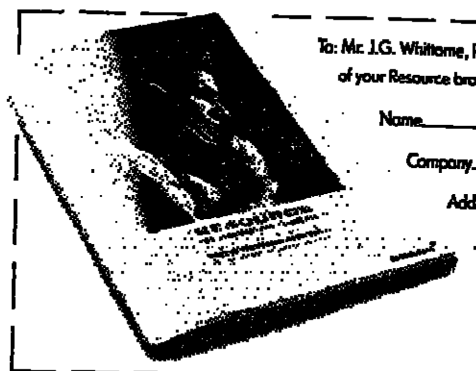

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Most Welsh schools are underfunded, inspectors say

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

MOST schools in Wales are suffering from poor maintenance or inadequate resources, the annual review by the principality's schools inspectorate said yesterday.

Only 10 per cent of primary schools inspected in 1989-90 were found to have good resources. The requirements of the national curriculum had shown up shortages of books and mathematical and scientific apparatus.

In the secondary sector, the report said that although remodelled and new buildings were of a generally high standard, there were few schools that did not have some signs of poor maintenance, such as leaking roofs and peeling paint. There had been little change in the condition of primary schools.

Staffing levels were generally satisfactory, although a quarter of primary classes had more than 30 pupils. In secondary schools, however, 10 per cent of mathematics and 14 per cent of English lessons were taught by staff qualified in other subjects.

Among the 14-16 age group, the inspectors found a large minority of poorly motivated pupils in some schools. That was most common among pupils of moderate or lower ability, often leading to poor attendance, a reluctance to do homework and inadequate responses to tasks. "It is not uncommon to find such instances associated with poor staffing, for example classes taught by non-specialists with only a part-time involvement in the subject, or by more than one teacher, or those which have had frequent changes of teacher."

The teaching of reading was given higher marks than in England, where inspectors found 20 per cent of work unsatisfactory. Whether pupils' first language was English or Welsh, most reading was soundly taught. Teachers also won praise for their implementation of the national curriculum. "There is evidence of some teachers being under stress, but considerably more of unstinting effort and commitment, and of substantial success."

Performance in public examinations was continuing to improve. The proportion of unqualified school leavers has fallen from 18 to 14 per cent in five years, while the number with five good passes at GCSE has risen from a quarter to 30 per cent. A survey in 15 per cent of secondary schools a year ago showed Welsh pupils were well motivated by GCSE coursework. Standards were satisfactory in more than four classes in five, and good or very good in more than half.

☐ Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman, yesterday accused Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, of adopting a cavalier attitude towards teachers by delaying progress on the school teachers' pay and conditions bill. After a rapid committee stage was completed a month ago, the bill was expected to go to its report stage within a fortnight.

Mr Straw and Steven Beyers, chairman of the metropolitan authorities' education committee, wrote to Mr Clarke for an explanation. "I can only assume that this bill has become a casualty of the poll tax review and Kenneth Clarke's obsession to increase opting out," Mr Straw said. The education department said that the bill was not being held up deliberately and would proceed as soon as government business managers set a date for the report stage.

Teacher in gun attack recovering

The public school master who was shot and seriously wounded by a boy in front of a class, was yesterday said to be recovering satisfactorily in hospital.

Roderic Findlay, aged 49, underwent an eight-hour operation for gunshot wounds to his left arm at Frenchay hospital, Bristol, after he was shot on Tuesday at Colston's school.

A boy aged 15 appeared at Bristol juvenile court yesterday accused of the attempted murder of Mr Findlay. The boy, who faced three other firearms charges, was remanded in custody for a week.

Soviet lead in chess contest

The Soviet grandmaster Alexander Beliavsky is leading with six and a half points after eight rounds of the international chess tournament at Linares in Spain.

Down the field are the world champion Gary Kasparov who has five points and Anatoly Karpov, who has three and a half. The pair drew their eighth round game while Britain's Jon Speelman scored his first win, against Gata Kamsky of the US.

High church

Bristol cathedral choir is to give a concert on top of a reactor at Oldbury-on-Severn nuclear power station, Gloucestershire, to celebrate a world record for continuous operation. By April 26, the reactor will have been running for 700 days and seven hours.

Cut above

Barry Vardy, aged 43, a Nottingham butcher, has been awarded a BSc in biotechnology, his second degree, by the Open University with a thesis on the longevity of the British sausage.

Coroner to settle fate of £5m gems

By PAUL WILKINSON

A CORONER'S jury will today be asked to decide the ownership of the most significant and probably the most valuable hoard of gold and silver jewellery dug up in Britain this century.

Control of the Iron Age hoard, estimated to be worth £5 million, is being contested by Cecil Hodder, a retired RAF officer who used a metal detector to discover the first piece on farm land at Snettisham, Norfolk, last year, the British Museum, which excavated 50 more items, and Sir Stephen Lycett-Green, owner of the land where it was found.

The decision of the jury in Norfolk, based on arcane common law stretching back to the Middle Ages, could make either Mr Hodder or Sir Stephen a rich man. It would also give, or deny, the British Museum possession of a treasure hailed as one of the most spectacular finds of early English artefacts yet made.

The hoard dates from about 70 BC and includes gold torcs (neckrings), gold and silver bracelets and gold coins. The British Museum is keeping the exact details secret, but one estimate says the coins alone weigh 50lb.

There are also torcs and bracelets of bronze. Several of the torcs are considered significant objets d'art, delicately worked in fine interwoven strands of gold wire and figured in classic Celtic curving shapes.

They are thought to come from the Iceni tribe which once lived in that corner of Norfolk. One report has linked the bronze items to Queen Boudicca, famous in early English history for her heroic, but unsuccessful rebellion against Roman occupation. However, dating of other coins in the cache place it well before the time of Boudicca, who laid waste to London and St Albans after the rape of her daughters by legionaries.

If the jury decides that the find is treasure trove it automatically becomes Crown property and will be offered to the Britsh Museum, which must pay the finder a reward based on its market value. If it is not, then Mr Hodder and Sir Stephen must decide ownership, a battle which could well end in the civil courts.

The owner is free to keep or dispose of the treasure as he chooses, which could end with a public auction and the jewellery lost to the nation. To show that the hoard is treasure trove the coroner's jury must be convinced that the original owner intended to reclaim what he buried. Otherwise it belongs to the landowner or finder.

Art college profits from commercial embrace

Students are flocking to an unashamedly businesslike Royal College of Art, **Simon Tait** reports

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Commercial designs: Mr Stevens at the college's new £20 million building in south Kensington. "Students are regarded as customers," he says

THE Royal College of Art, Britain's flagship school of art and design, has abandoned the cultural values that once dominated art education and embraced commercialism, with remarkable success.

The college is about to expand into a new £20 million building on its site in South Kensington, west London, and applications for places are up 17 per cent. Its achievement is recognised in Whitehall as a model for the future of post graduate training and its government grant will rise by over 10 per cent.

The human cost has, however, been considerable. Since 1984 when Jocelyn Stevens, a former newspaper executive with a combative reputation, became rector, 63 per cent of the staff and 17 of 19 professors have left. Many believed artistic integrity was being undermined, with design taking the upper hand over fine art.

The traditional structure of the college with 17 independent departments has been dismantled, and it has become the only post graduate institution to set fees well above education department recommendations. As a result many students have to dip into their own pockets or seek bursaries rather than rely on local authority grants.

"We have put this place on a business footing," Mr Stevens said. "The students are regarded as customers." Introducing fees closer to actual costs was expected by Mr Stevens' critics in the education establishment to cause a big fall in applications. Instead there has been a steady increase. The college also expects to make £300,000 "profit" from fees.

The new building is also intended to make money. The exhibition area is for hire and will earn £200,000 next year. The point was not just to draw up a business plan, Mr Stevens said, but to benefit the students who were now being offered not only artistic training, but a route to careers.

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Kinnock to have talks at UN

NEIL Kinnock will hold talks today at the United Nations in New York on the prospects for a peace settlement in the Gulf and Middle East in the wake of the coalition victory over Iraq (Richard Ford writes).

The Labour leader will meet Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, UN Secretary General, and press on him the urgency of resolving the problems of the region in a comprehensive rather than piecemeal manner. Yesterday, Gerald Kaufman, the shadow foreign secretary, said that unless there was an overall settlement of all the problems in the Middle East, there would be another war in the area within the next decade.

Mr Kinnock, who flew to New York last night, will emphasise the part the UN should play in tackling the problems of the area, including its role in monitoring the ceasefire in the Gulf and whether it is making arrangements for other countries to contribute to policing the ceasefire.

The opposition leader will also discuss the prospects for a long-term role for the UN in security arrangements in the Gulf and the possibility of a permanent UN security force that would be able to deal speedily with outbreaks of trouble in the region. During his visit to New York, Mr Kinnock will also meet the American and Soviet ambassadors to the UN and the Jordanian and Egyptian representatives.

Confiscation law will stop Ulster 'mafia', MPs told

By PETER MULLIGAN AND JOHN WINDER

THE government moved yesterday to prevent a "mafia-style society" gaining ground in Northern Ireland by legislating to confiscate the proceeds of terrorism from businesses acting as front organisations.

Peter Brooke, Northern Ireland secretary, told MPs that unless the law was changed there was a serious risk of terrorists establishing a commercial or business network capable of giving them long-term support.

He spoke of a danger that such an infrastructure might remain, even after an end to political violence in the province, to sustain the potential for criminal racketeering. "No one would wish to see the creation of a mafia-style society anywhere in the United Kingdom."

He introduced clauses — later agreed to — containing the new powers during the report stage of the Northern Ireland (emergency provisions) bill which will allow the courts to confiscate the proceeds of terrorist-related activity or the property of the convicted, whichever is less.

Mr Brooke acknowledged that the measures were severe. That was their intention, to make people who deliberately involved themselves in the financing of terrorism to think twice about their involvement. He said that finance, the lifeblood of terrorism, was required for weapons, explosives and other material and to pay the so-called volunteers who carried out terrorist acts.

Those who handled money on behalf of terrorist organisations in the province were becoming ever more sophisticated. Businessmen and accountants were involved. He spoke of businesses that might be regarded as legitimate but whose main objective was to raise and launder money to fund terrorism.

Seamus Mallon

The move was welcomed by Kevin McNamara, shadow Northern Ireland secretary. This would be a sick society if the IRA, the protestant paramilitaries or the mafia were able to gain any control over the economy. "We cannot allow that", he said.

The Rev Ian Paisley (Antrim North, DUP) said that what the government was attempting needed to be done. Money from terrorist activities should be clawed back immediately.

Seamus Mallon (Newry and Armagh, SDLP) said that the bill was a patchwork quilt without unity. "I regard money obtained through violence as nothing more nor less than blood money."

He said that organisations such as the Housing Executive had paid millions of pounds over the years in protection money and in other forms of racketeering. One problem had been a reluctance to come to grips with it because it was an intelligence conduit. Racketeering had become part of the subculture. He was concerned that spouses might find their homes confiscated even though they had no control over their husbands' activities.

James Kilfedder (North Down, UPUP) said that they must be able to follow the thugs to other parts of the world, including the tax havens of the West Indies. The money was being accumulated for the express purpose of terrorism and by the terrorists, who had in mind the day when peace would come. They were putting money away for their retirement. Terrorist money was said to have been used to buy property in his constituency where some people acted as front men for terrorists.

Two join women's move to the top

By RICHARD FORD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE promotion of Genie Turton and Dinah Nichols to senior posts at the environment department has provided Michael Heseltine's new empire with an opportunity to engage in discreet Whitehall rivalry.

With permanent secretaries wanting to highlight their department's equal opportunities credentials, officials at environment have been anxious to point out that two of its eight deputy secretaries are women. One Cabinet Office official said: "Everyone is vying with each other on equal opportunities".

In civil service jargon, Miss Turton and Miss Nichols are now grade two civil servants just one step below the permanent secretaries. Miss Turton, aged 44, is deputy secretary with responsibility for housing and the inner cities and Miss Nichols, aged 47, is to be deputy director in charge of property holdings.

They join a small group of women at grade two level. Before their promotion there were six women on that level with two at the Treasury and three at the health department. However, the eight women make up only a small proportion of the 124 grade two civil servants. There are no women in grade one posts and only 38 female grade threes out of a total of 392.

Colleagues and ministers who have worked with Miss Turton and Miss Nichols said that both could be in line to become a permanent secretary within the next ten years. One former minister said of Miss Turton: "She was clearly headed to be a permanent secretary. She has enjoyed the opportunities of the last ten years in which the civil service has become more enterprising and imaginative".

This week both women were loathe to speak of promotion prospects, insisting that they preferred to get on with their new jobs. Both also showed some irritation that their gender should be of interest. "It never occurred to me that I was going to have a different career pattern to a man", Miss Turton said. "I do not suppose people will be asking why there are so few women in top civil service positions in twenty or thirty years."

MICHAEL POWELL

of the Environment
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Upwardly mobile: Dinah Nichols (left) and Genie Turton at the environment department

Smoked salmon escapes the net

Smoked salmon and other smoked fish delivered by mail order are to be exempt from food regulations on temperature controls, Michael Forsyth, Scottish minister of state, told MPs at question time.

Anthony Steen, Tory MP for South Hams, said that the government was becoming neurotic and hysterical about food safety. Were there any cases of food poisoning from smoked salmon, smoked cheese, or any other smoked product?

Mr Forsyth reminded him that the government was committed to food safety. Regulations had to be practical and not disproprtionate to the risk.

GCHQ row continues

A bill to restore trade union membership to workers at GCHQ in Cheltenham was introduced in the Commons by David Winnick, Labour MP for Walsall North. His employment protection (GCHQ) bill was given a formal first reading after he said that the ban imposed by the government seven years ago had been motivated by dogma and prejudice.

The bill stands no chance of becoming law, but Mr Winnick pledged to keep the issue alive. The next Labour government would do away with the ban, he said.

Bill to save rail lines

A bill to allow tribunals to be set up to examine proposals for the reopening of disused railway lines was presented in the Commons by Robert Adley, Tory MP for Christchurch and chairman of the all-party railways group. The bill has cross-party support, with Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, and Peter Snape, a shadow transport minister, among its backers, but has little chance of becoming law.

Road costs

More than £1,300 million will be spent by the transport department on main road construction in the next financial year, Christopher Chope, roads and traffic minister, said in a written reply. Fifty-three schemes were expected to be started.

Trident delay

The programme for two of Britain's four Trident submarines has been set back six months by negotiation delays and that would lead to a delay in phasing out the Polaris system, the Commons defence select committee was told.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Home Office; prime minister. Debate on Cullen report on the Piper Alpha oil rig disaster.
Lords (3): Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance bill, committee, first day.

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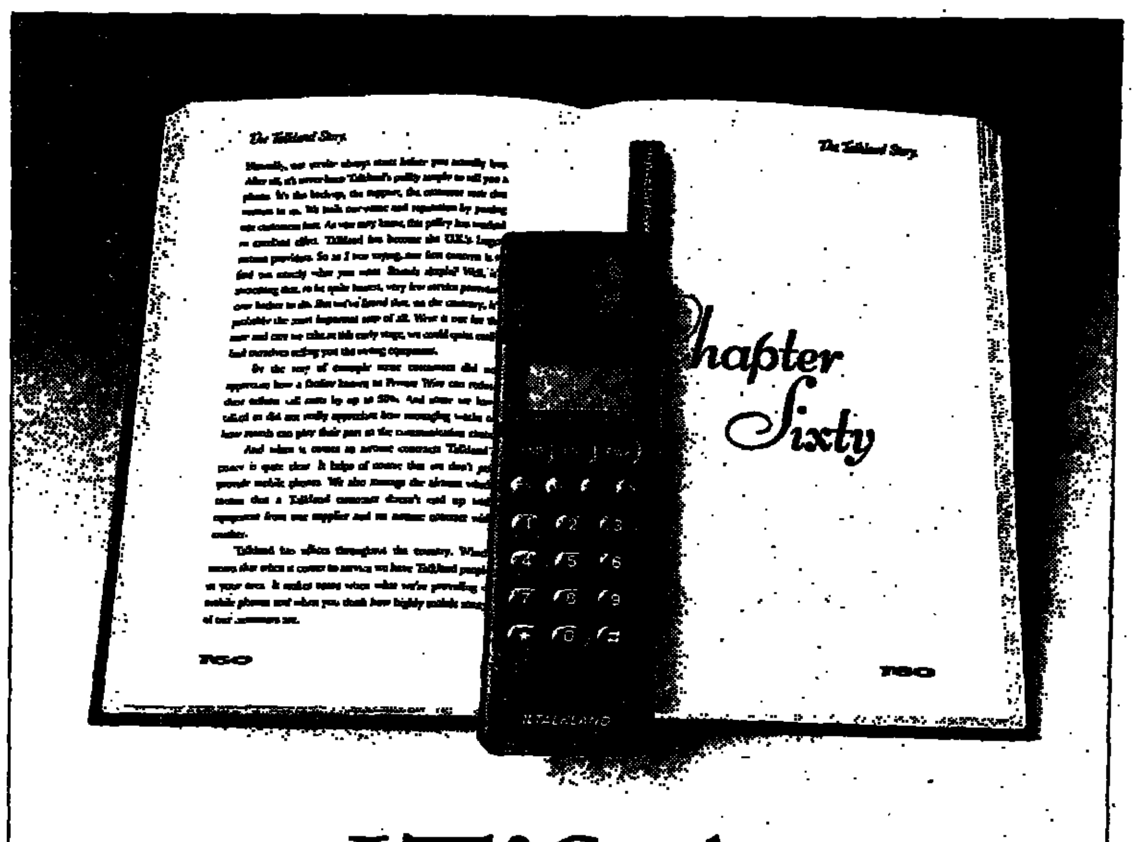

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NEC VODAFONE

Tax cash should go to councils

By DOUGLAS BROOM
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE government was urged yesterday to switch more than half of its income tax revenue to local authorities as part of a package to simplify local government finance and ease the burden on poll tax payers.

The Institute of Economic Affairs, a free-market think tank, called for the introduction of local income tax of 14p in the pound to replace all central government grants to councils. The institute said that the scheme would bring savings that would allow the basic rate of national income tax to be cut from 25 to 11 per cent and taxpayers would be able to see how their money was spent.

A paper by Dr David King, of Stirling university, said that some additional form of local taxation would still be needed and urged the adoption of a mixed system of domestic rates and a reduced community charge. He said the new poll tax would need to be about £200 a head and the average rates bill would be half that of the old rating system. If ministers wanted to fund councils through local income tax alone, the rate would have to rise to 21p in the pound.

Under a mixed system of local taxes, a quarter of all adults would not have to pay a local income tax. Other taxes were needed to avoid the "moral hazard of representation without taxation".

☐ Robin Cook, Labour's health spokesman, accused the government yesterday of cheating over promises of better community care by setting limits on council social service budgets that were £500 million below present spending levels.

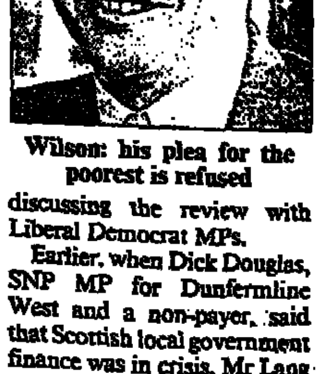
Minister rejects poll tax amnesty

THERE will be no amnesty for people who have refused to pay the community charge, MPs were told yesterday. During Scottish Office questions, Brian Wilson, for the Opposition, said that the poorest members of society, those who had to pay only 20 per cent, should not be harassed if they had failed to pay. If they were excluded, he said, it would ease the administrative shambles surrounding the charge.

But Allan Stewart, a Scottish Office minister, told him: "There will be no amnesty". The poll tax benefit was available for the poorest.

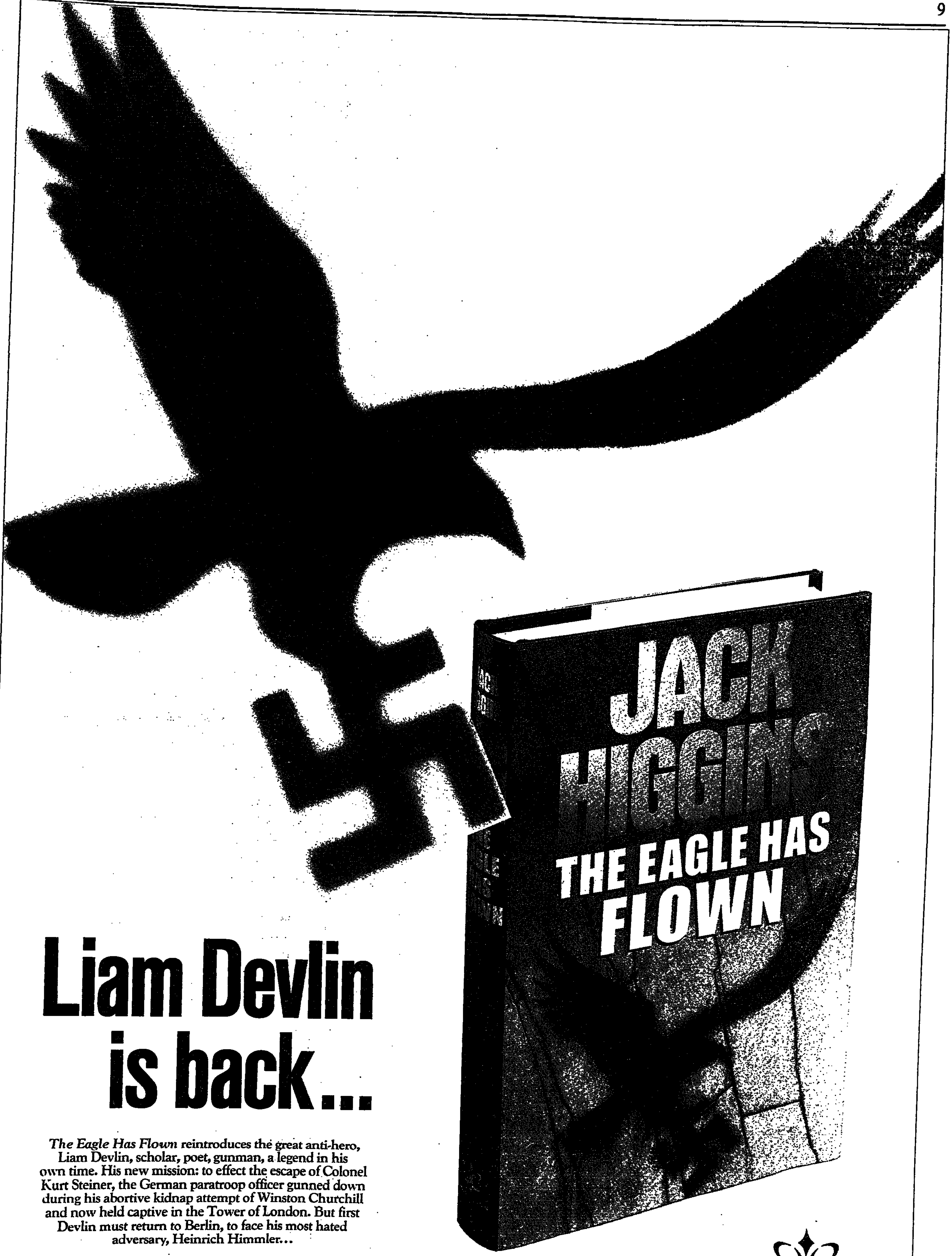
Malcolm Bruce, Liberal Democrat MP for Gordon, said that poll tax payers would deduct from their next payment the amount attributable to non-payment by others.

Ian Lang, Scottish secretary, agreed that it was unfair to expect chargepayers to have to pay the "Scottish National Party surcharge". He would be discussing the review with Liberal Democrat MPs.



Wilson: his plea for the poorest is refused

Earlier, when Dick Douglas, SNP MP for Dunfermline West and a non-payer, said that Scottish local government finance was in crisis, Mr Lang replied that the position would be considerably eased if the SNP adopted a more responsible approach.



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REGIONAL SECURITY

Britain welcomes Arabs' proposal for Gulf policing

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

BRITAIN gave a warm welcome to the declaration, issued in Damascus yesterday, that the eight Arab members of the allied coalition are to set up a peacekeeping force to police the Gulf.

The Foreign Office said Britain had consistently urged the states of the region to take the lead on this issue. British officials again insisted yesterday there was no question of Britain maintaining its own land forces in the Gulf.

The eight countries who announced the peacekeeping force – the six members of the Gulf Co-operation Council, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, plus Syria and Egypt – said it would comprise mainly Egyptian and Syrian troops. The declaration was issued by the eight foreign ministers, and read out at a press conference in Damascus by Abdullah Yacoub Bishara, the Kuwaiti secretary-general of the co-operation council.

Sheikh Sabah al-Sabah of Kuwait: signing the declaration yesterday

Syria and Egypt both sent large contingents to Saudi Arabia, which played a prominent role in the Arab effort to liberate Kuwait. The declaration said that these deployments were a response to the desire of the governments to defend their territories. "They represent a nucleus for an Arab peace force which would guarantee the security and peace of Arab countries in the Gulf region and constitute a model that would guarantee the integral defence system," the statement said.

The forces would be committed to the principles of international legitimacy and would strictly respect the sovereignty of the states in the region. The eight also called for economic and political co-operation among their states, a move that would give a firm basis for the new alliance. Western governments have expressed quiet delight with the outcome.

The government has said that Britain is in no hurry to lift the sanctions on Iraq. But officials yesterday warmly endorsed the decision by the European Community to offer emergency aid to Kuwait and Iraq to help both countries overcome the threat of epidemics and acute food shortages.

The EC will make about £2 million available to the International Committee of the Red Cross to buy medicines, water purification equipment and other vital humanitarian supplies for Iraq. The EC also voted to make £220,000 available to Kuwait.

● **CAIRO:** For the many foes of President Saddam Hussein in the Arab world, the ideal solution would be his overthrow in a palace revolution by military leaders or rivals in the Baath party, who would moderate his policies but retain strong central control over Iraq, Arab analysts say.

This would avoid the diplomatic embarrassment the Arabs could suffer if Saddam manages to cling to power, a possibility diplomats do not entirely discount despite the widespread unrest since Iraq's defeat in the Gulf war.

The analysts say that victory for pro-Iranian extremists could have dire consequences, including partition of Iraq into Shia, Sunni and Kurdish states. *(Reuter)*

Yellow ribbons, page 14

Showing the flag: a Kuwaiti child leaving John Major in no doubt about the warmth of his welcome on a brief visit to British troops in the Gulf yesterday. The prime minister is the first Western allied leader to go to Kuwait since its liberation

UNITED STATES

How the allies kept a lid on terrorist threat

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

TO THWART President Saddam Hussein's efforts to open a "second front" against civilian populations of coalition nations during the war, American intelligence agencies spearheaded what experts yesterday called the most intensive international counter-terrorism drive ever mounted.

The measures employed ranged from the mundane deployment of extra guards at potential terrorist targets, massive covert surveillance and wholesale expulsions of suspect Iraqis, right up to secret understandings with such notorious sponsors of terrorism as Syria and Libya.

For all Saddam's boasts of unleashing a worldwide wave of terror, the State Department reported 160 incidents during the course of the war, the vast majority small free-lance operations, few directly linked to Iraq and many in places such as South America where their international impact was muffled. There was not one terrorist incident in America – bombs found on a chemical storage tank near the Norfolk naval base were part of an insurance swindle. The worst incident anywhere, the IRA mortar bomb attack on Downing Street, had nothing to do with the war.

According to Oliver Revell, the FBI's associate deputy director, Syria, under pressure from the United States, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, shackled terrorist organisations under their control. Dr Robert Kupperman, a terrorism expert at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies, corroborating a *Washington Post* report, said the US warned Colonel Gadaffi of "dire physical and military consequences" for his country if any terrorist attack was traced to Libya. Iran, officially neutral in the war, is also understood to have reined in terrorist groups under its control.

The CIA sifted through a mountain of information from more than a dozen federal agencies, Interpol and the intelligence agencies of numerous friendly nations. William Webster, the agency's director, has been quoted as telling friends that all terrorists leaving Iraq since August were tracked to their destinations. Nearly 30 nations are thought to have expelled, arrested or closely monitored suspect Iraqis. More than 100 Iraqi diplomats were sent back to Baghdad.

The FBI, ignoring civil rights protests, intensified scrutiny of all Arabs entering the country, interviewed scores of Arab business, community and religious leaders and hundreds of Arab-Americans, and spread a dragnet for about 3,000 Iraqis whose visas had expired. The State Department told Americans to leave or avoid practically every Muslim country from North Africa, across the Middle East, to Pakistan and Bangladesh.

The White House and Pentagon were closed to the public. To President Bush's entourage was added a man carrying chemical protection gear. Security at his state of the union speech to Congress and the Superbowl reached unprecedented levels.

Though the war is over, the State Department said on Monday that the terrorist threat was not, recalling that previous Middle East wars had been followed by increased terrorism perpetrated by angry and frustrated losers.

Assad: shackled extremist groups under his control

RECONSTRUCTION

Resin raises hopes of cost-cutting

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE Kuwaiti embassy in London was offered a new technology yesterday which, it is claimed, could help reconstruct Kuwait at a fraction of the cost of conventional building methods.

The technology allows builders to turn poor desert and salty beach sands, vegetable wastes, slag and even moon dust into a super-strong, fire-resistant material which, tests indicate, is superior to conventional concrete.

"All we need is for the Kuwait government to send us some local sand which we can test in our laboratory," said Gerry Cannon, a London-born businessman and marketing manager of Universal Bonditall, a company based in Las Vegas, Nevada, who visited the embassy yesterday. He met Sameehjohar Hayat, the diplomatic attaché, who is screening reconstruction proposals through to Kuwaiti officials in Riyadh.

The material, which is made without water, can be rapidly mixed in specially designed lorries made of stainless steel to lay seamless pipelines and swiftly rebuild bomb-damaged runways, as well as offices and homes, it is claimed. The patented technology is the creation of Harvey Jefferson, a consultant process engineer based in St George, Utah. Mr Jefferson said yesterday that the idea that a better material was urgently needed came to him in the 1960s after witnessing town fires in California where roof tiles exploded as flames swept through houses.

It also came after meetings with defence officials at the Pentagon who had been surprised at the way concrete military hospitals built in the Caribbean after the second world war had crumbled because of salt contamination.

At the heart of the technology is a specially formulated resin which is partly made of phenols. Mr Jefferson said that the mixing process was important to ensure all waste particles were fully mixed.

Tests by a US government-approved standards laboratory indicate that the material is nearly twice as strong as concrete, is waterproof and inert to chemicals.

● **KUWAIT CITY:** John Major said after talks with Crown Prince Saad al-Sabah, the governor-general of Kuwait City, that he had been promised British companies would play a full part in the rebuilding of Kuwait City (Robin Oakley writes).

After his trip to Kuwait yesterday the prime minister said that he had been determined to visit Kuwait as soon as the conflict ended to congratulate the troops on a military operation which had rarely been equalled and he was very glad he had done so.

Climatic disaster 'unlikely'

By OUR TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE climatic impact of the burning Kuwaiti oilfields and refineries has been hugely exaggerated and is unlikely to cause accelerated global warming, the failure of Asian monsoons and widespread crop devastation through acute cooling of the earth's surface.

This is the conclusion of Richard Small of the Pacific-Sierra Research Corporation who has published detailed findings in the British journal *Nature*.

His findings support the views of John Wakeham, the energy secretary, who claimed in January that visions of a global environmental catastrophe were a myth.

BBC loses £1m in exports

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

BBC Enterprises, Britain's largest exporter of television programmes, revealed yesterday that the Gulf war had cost it £1 million in lost sales.

After the invasion of Kuwait last August, buyers in the Gulf region simply shut up shop, Keith Owen, the organisation's sales director, said. BBC Enterprises, which sells its programmes in the region through a Kuwaiti firm, said that it lost contact with its agents until their escape from Kuwait several months after the Iraqis had invaded.

Mr Owen said the timing of the invasion could not have been worse. Most countries bought programmes annually in August and September.

ART TREASURES

Fears for Islamic collection

By SARAH JANE CHECKLAND, ART MARKET CORRESPONDENT

THE finest collection of Islamic art in the world has probably been pilfered and damaged after it was removal from the Kuwaiti National Museum on the back of open-topped army lorries.

Iraq notified the United Nations in letters circulated yesterday that it had decided to return gold, Kuwaiti paper currency, museum objects and civilian aircraft seized after its invasion of Kuwait.

However, experts remained pessimistic. "I fear that greed is such that if you are an army officer escorting a convoy of loot to Baghdad you won't be able to keep your fingers off," said Mark Dalrymple of Cunningham IAP, the London-based loss adjustor seeking the art treasures. "You are not going to get 100 per cent back unless Saddam decided he wanted it personally and wanted it intact." There is also a suggestion, Mr Dalrymple says, that some manuscripts which did not conform with Baathist politics have been destroyed.

Last week Nicholas Postgate of Cambridge university and the British archaeologist Derek Kennet said they understood the collection was safely in Baghdad and that the Iraqis had, according to Mr Postgate, "made meticulous lists of the treasures". Mr Kennet said: "The Iraqis may want to use it as a bargaining tool with the allies."

The 7,000-item collection, compiled by Sheikh Nasser al-Ahmed al-Sabah, nephew of the emir, in the 1970s and 1980s, ranges from architectural features to Islamic miniatures; jewel-encrusted swords, to a 234-carat emerald. One hundred items which were on exhibition in Russia at the time of the invasion, are safe.

Mr Dalrymple said the missing items might not be insured, as insurance policies tended to include an exclusion clause in the event of war. "Did the removal occur during the period of war, before or after?" he asks. He said that the property was too "hot" to filter into the market now, but in 20 years, matters would be different.

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Detainees' fear of retribution by Saddam poses dilemma for allies

Bowed down: an Iraqi prays after surrendering

Britain is not obliged to return PoWs against their wishes, Christopher Greenwood and Michael Binyon write. But to let them stay might block the release of those Iraq holds

BRITAIN is having urgent discussions with its Gulf allies and the International Committee of the Red Cross to ensure that Iraqi prisoners of war are not repatriated against their will.

Tom King, the defence secretary, told the Commons that a very high proportion of Iraqis did not want to go home. The numbers held ranged from 75,000 to 175,000, and the responsibility for determining their wishes lay with the Red Cross. "It's a very difficult problem indeed, on which we have not yet reached any conclusion," he said. "The first step is to identify the scale of the problem."

There is concern in the government that many Iraqis fear retribution at home. All those held in Britain during the war and who were released yesterday said they wished to stay in Britain, where they had been studying.

Any large-scale forced repatriation would provoke an international outcry and lead to accusations that the allies were treating Iraqi prisoners much as they treated the Cossacks after the second world war. Under international law the allies have a duty not to repatriate those Iraqi prisoners who are reluctant to return home for fear of persecution. Article 118 of the Geneva Prisoners of War Convention requires that "prisoners of war shall be released and repatriated without delay after the cessation of active hostilities".

Article 118 was designed to prevent PoWs being held for years after the end of fighting, but does not deal expressly with the problem of PoWs who refuse to go home because they fear being penalised, a problem that arose during the Korean war when thousands of North Korean and Chinese PoWs made clear that they would resist repatriation because they feared being punished for allowing themselves to be captured.

The widely respected commentary on the convention published by the Red Cross after the Korean episode concludes that, while immediate repatriation should be the rule, there is an exception where "there are serious reasons for fearing that a prisoner of war who is himself opposed to being repatriated may, after his repatriation, be the subject of unjust measures affecting his life or liberty, especially on grounds of race, social class, religion or political views... Each case must be examined individually."

It seems, then, that the allies can refuse to return Iraqi prisoners who refuse repatriation for fear of persecution. There is, however, a risk that a refusal to do so may make it harder to secure the release of those prisoners still held by Iraq.

Although it now appears that all allied PoWs captured since January 15 have been released, Iraq continues to hold some 8,000 Kuwaiti servicemen captured in August last year. Iraq is believed also to hold some 22,000 Kuwaiti civilians.

British officials say they are not yet worried that Iraq will hold the Kuwaitis as hostages, but there is clear anxiety in government circles over Iraq's claim that it has now released all prisoners of war, which implies that Kuwaitis captured during the Iraqi invasion are not regarded as PoWs. Iraq has never acknowledged that it is holding any of these Kuwaiti nationals and has denied the Red Cross access to them.

Securing their release in accordance with international law has now become a high priority and is one of the requirements expressly laid down by security council resolution 686. That resolution also makes clear that the authorisation to use force against Iraq, granted by the earlier resolution 678, remains in effect until Baghdad has complied with its duties over repatriation.

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WAR TOLL

King tells MPs of remarkably low British casualties

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

THIRTY-SIX British servicemen were killed in the Gulf conflict and eight are still missing, Tom King, the defence secretary, told MPs yesterday.

Seventeen of the deaths occurred in operations and a further 43 British servicemen were injured, of whom nine were classified as seriously or very seriously hurt. The missing servicemen are five RAF pilots and three soldiers. Mr King confirmed that six airmen and three soldiers made up the final batch of prisoners of war released yesterday. They are in Riyadh and are likely to go on to Cyprus.

Some 45,000 British servicemen and women were involved in the conflict. Referring to the low casualty numbers, Mr King said: "While every death is a tragedy which we all feel, that is by any standards ... a very remarkable achievement by our commanders."

During his first detailed account of the operations of British forces in the war, Mr King told the Commons defence committee that:

☐ The latest estimate of the cost of the war was £1.75 billion, which would rise;

☐ An investigating unit from the Royal Military Police was in Kuwait working with other allied units in bringing to book Iraqis responsible for atrocities;

☐ The 1st Armoured Division's role in liberating Kuwait "must rank very high in any military achievement of the British army";

☐ A full report to Parliament on the lessons of the war could be included in the defence white paper;

☐ Medical reservists called up before the start of hostilities would be coming home shortly, and other forces would start returning within two weeks of the ceasefire being established;

☐ The Territorial Army may help in the logistical task of withdrawing British forces and equipment;

☐ Most Iraqi prisoners of war had indicated they did not wish to return while President Saddam Hussein was in power.

Mr King gave MPs some statistics of the war. The RAF flew 4,000 combat sorties out of a total, including supply flights, of more than 6,500 since January 17, the start of Operation Desert Storm. The RAF dropped 3,000 tonnes of explosives, including more than 100 JP233 airfield destroyers and 6,000 bombs, of which more than 1,000 were laser-guided. Royal Navy helicopters sank or disabled 15 Iraqi patrol craft. The British-led mine-hunting force has traced 228 mines and destoyed 133 of them, opening two vital lines of supply to Kuwait by sea.

Outlining the operations of the 1st Armoured Division, Mr King said it achieved its objectives in less than 100 hours. It destroyed between 150 and 200 tanks, 100 armoured vehicles and 100 artillery pieces. During the land battle, the Royal Artillery fired 2,500 multiple-launch rockets and 10,000 rounds of 150mm shells. In total, through destruction or capture, the enemy lost 3,300 tanks, more than 2,000 armoured vehicles and more than 2,000 artillery pieces.

Mr King said the remarkable speed and success of the British attack, destroying Iraqi forces on the flank of the main American thrust, had been a valuable contribution to the land battle. In advancing, the division had also managed to lay a road to keep frontline troops supplied.

King: special praise for 1st Armoured Division

No way out: forlorn refugees, trying to escape the violent uprising in southern Iraq, line up at the Kuwait border in pouring rain. An American soldier looks on as the travellers wait for permission to cross the frontier to safety. But Kuwaiti officials later denied them entry

PRISONERS OF WAR

Schwarzkopf hails freed servicemen

By Nicholas Watt

NINE Britons were among the latest released prisoners of war who flew into Riyadh from Baghdad yesterday to be greeted by General Norman Schwarzkopf, commander of allied forces in the Gulf.

He said: "It's almost over. Every one of them's a hero. They look happy to be home; happy to be in freedom."

Limping off the plane with the help of a crutch, a man believed to be Flight Lieutenant David Stewart, aged 31, said: "Wonderful, wonderful. I'm fine. I was generally treated OK. It was pretty good." The nine Britons, six RAF aircrew and, it is believed, three special forces' soldiers, were among 35 coalition prisoners released.

However, five Tornado aircrew, who did not return from missions, and three soldiers believed to be attached to special services, are still unaccounted for, listed as missing in action. The only Kuwaiti to be freed stepped off the plane first. He posed in the doorway to salute, blew a kiss and punched the air three times while applause rang out from the tarmac below.

Saudis, Americans, an Italian and the Britons, all dressed in yellow PoW overalls, followed the Kuwaiti. Many stopped in the doorway to salute, others hurried down the steps and through the welcoming line.

Three Britons left quietly down a ramp at the rear of the plane and were taken off by an ambulance. The six British airmen were taken by Hercules to a British field hospital outside Riyadh and, after a medical check-up, all nine were expected to fly to the British base at Akrotiri in Cyprus for debriefing.

The freed RAF aircrew were: flight lieutenants Adrian Nichol, Rupert Clark, David Stewart and David Waddington; Flying Officer Simon Burgess and Squadron Leader Bob Ankerson.

The British PoWs arrived in Riyadh shortly before John Major, who had been visiting British forces in Kuwait. The prime minister said: "I am absolutely delighted that so many of our missing servicemen are alive and that we have been able to secure their release. We can only guess the agony of mind they and their families must have suffered. They have performed their duty admirably. While we celebrate their release, we shall always remember that some of their colleagues have not returned and our hearts go out to their families and friends."

The family of Simon Burgess, the youngest British pilot in the Gulf war, yesterday spoke of the six-week nightmare of not knowing whether he was alive. His parents, Terry and Ann Burgess, said they went through "the worst hell anyone could imagine" while they waited for news of Simon, aged 23, who was reported missing in a bombing raid over Iraq.

The parents of Flight Lieutenant Nichol said: "We are naturally overjoyed. We have not yet had any contact with him, but hope to do so as soon as possible."

John Nichol, with his wife Catherine, of North Shields, Tyne and Wear, said: "In the midst of all our joy we remember the families of all those who are not returning to their loved ones and extend to them our sympathy and heartfelt prayers."

32 Iraqi prisoners released

By Quentin Cowdry

THE Ministry of Defence is expected to receive a flurry of writs claiming compensation for alleged wrongful imprisonment after its decision yesterday to release 32 Iraqis held as prisoners of war in Britain for more than five weeks.

As the Iraqis were freed from Rollestone Camp on Salisbury Plain, the Home Office announced that notices of intention to deport the former PoWs had been withdrawn as they were no longer considered a security threat. None wishes to be repatriated.

Lawyers representing the former PoWs, most of whom are students, said they were preparing to sue the ministry on various grounds, including false imprisonment. Lawyers say only two were definitely members of the Iraqi armed forces. The MoD said the Iraqis had been classified as PoWs because they were members of Iraq's armed forces and, in some cases, were receiving military grants.

Thirty-three other Iraqis were still being held last night by the Home Office as civilian detainees. The department said it still viewed them as a risk to national security.

IRAQ

Saddam's son denies reports of his death

From Reuter in Baghdad

PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein's son, Udai, yesterday dismissed as "crows' croaks and dogs' barks" reports that he had been killed in Iraq's second city of Basra. He refuted the reports in a signed editorial in the *Al-Baath* newspaper, of which he is chairman, which published its first issue yesterday. The paper is named after Saddam's ruling party.

Udai, who made no specific mention of the unrest in southern Iraq, said that he had taken part in the "mother of all battles" against the United States and its allies in the Gulf war. His father's entire family was willing to die for Iraq, he added.

A refugee had told journalists on the Iraq-Kuwait border that Udai had been killed in Basra, which Tehran-based rebels said they had captured in an uprising after Iraq's defeat in the Gulf war. United States military sources claimed yesterday that troops loyal to Saddam appeared to be regaining control of the cities and towns recently torn by anti-Saddam unrest.

Udai was covicted of murder several years ago but pardoned by his father.

DISEASE

UN says thousands at risk from foul water

From Richard Beeston in Amman

THOUSANDS of Iraqis could die in the coming weeks from an epidemic unless Iraq's water supply and sanitation system is restored by the end of this month, the United Nations said yesterday. In a report published by the World Health Organisation and Unicef, the UN children's fund, and based on the findings of a recent mission to Iraq, the United Nations predicted that more Iraqis could die from disease than were killed during the Gulf war unless the situation were addressed.

"The single most urgent health threat to Baghdad and the country is that of waterborne epidemics that could soon result from increasingly widespread public use of the Tigris River and other heavily polluted bodies of water for drinking," said the report, which identified cholera, typhoid and meningitis as potentially the most lethal diseases. Radio warnings to boil water were largely unheeded, since scarce fuel was used for other purposes.

Richard Reid, the Unicef director for the Middle East and Africa who led the mission to Iraq, yesterday gave a warning that the full impact of the threat against civilians had not yet been felt because cold weather had slowed the incubation of germs, but that by the end of this month the rapid rise in temperature could unleash the diseases.

"We came out feeling that the country is right on the edge of what could be a catastrophe on an epidemic scale," said Mr Reid, who predicted that the toll would be far higher than the current cholera outbreak in Peru, which has affected 55,000 people.

The threat is particularly acute in southern Iraq, especially in Basra, where fighting between Iraqi government troops and rebel forces may hamper relief efforts.

The report's findings have been forwarded to Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN secretary-general, with the recommendation that £3 million be spent immediately on restoring basic water treatment and sanitation for Iraq for the next three months. Mr Reid said that the country urgently required diesel fuel to operate generators, supplies of alum and chlorine to purify water, and spare parts for pipes damaged in the war.

MISSING REPORTERS

Gorbachev orders search

From Reuter in Moscow

PRESIDENT Gorbachev has instructed Soviet officials in Iraq to help in the search for foreign journalists missing in the south of the country, according to a statement from his office yesterday.

A total of 30 have been reported missing. The US Central Command in Saudi Arabia lists 25; ITN reports three missing and Norway's national television says a television journalist and newspaper photographer are unaccounted for.

The Soviet action came after appeals for help to the Soviet leader from senior executives of news organisations in the US, Britain, France, Italy and Brazil, for whom the journalists work, a presidential spokesman said.

"All appropriate Soviet institutions have been authorised to facilitate all possible assistance in locating, and if necessary obtaining the release of, this group of correspondents," he added. Sergei Grigoryev, deputy to Vitali Ignatenko, Mr Gorbachev's chief spokesman, said the Soviet president had reacted immediately to the appeals. Moscow has been widely credited with obtaining the recent release of a CBS television crew held in Iraq for more than a month.

A Geneva statement, in the name of the Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, an opposition group involved in fighting against forces loyal to President Saddam Hussein in the area, declared yesterday that the group had given refuge to 21 foreign journalists, but the group's London spokesman later denied such a statement had been issued.

UNITED STATES

Champagne days for returning heroes

From Susan Ellicott in Washington

MILITARY leaders had barely declared victory in the Gulf before advertisers in the United States started to party.

Moët et Chandon took out a full page yesterday in *The New York Times*, blank but for 18 words of instruction in the centre. "Please tear this page into many small pieces and toss high into the air in celebration of peace," it said.

The ticker-tape parades to welcome back American troops from the Middle East are still in the early stages of preparation, but businesses at home are counting on a surge in consumer confidence now the war is over. The armed services are boasting about having cast off the ghost of Vietnam, while corporate America is anxious to throw off the cloak of a recession. As a barometer of public feeling, the mood during television commercial breaks is noticeably more upbeat.

Late last year, when Americans were bracing themselves for official confirmation of an economic downturn, advertisers responded by emphasising value for money. The motel chain Day's Inn publicised a "Beat the Bad Times" rate. Recently, as national optimism has surged during the allied success against Iraq, the chain introduced new advertisements full of optimism.

Even CNN took time out between morning newscasts about the war to broadcast a videotape of a song recorded by Hollywood stars to show their support for America's troops.

"This is not a time of euphoria, certainly not a time to gloat," President Bush said earlier this week. But an outbreak of "triumphalism" is hard to control as Americans congratulate themselves on their military might and Mr Bush's foreign policy clout. After Vietnam, American troops returned home demoralised to a country that did not support them. This time, the president himself intends to greet members of the military at patriotic celebrations that will help his re-election campaign. The only American troops complaining are those who feel they have not really tested their mettle since the Iraqis put up next to no resistance.

"By God we kicked the Vietnam syndrome once and for all," Mr Bush said yesterday after polls showed his public approval rating had surged to the highest of an American leader since Harry Truman moved into the White House in 1945.

Some retailers are predicting a flurry of "shop-till-you-drop" spending at shopping malls this weekend in response to a postwar glow even though the recession is not yet over. In fact, consumer spending last month suffered the biggest month-to-month drop in more than two years. A poll by *The Wall Street Journal*/ABC News suggests fewer than one in five American families expect to step up their spending, but changes are likely soon.

Airlines are hoping to see renewed business after "a severe lull during the Gulf crisis as Americans panicked about flying on transatlantic routes following terrorist threats from Iraq.

Planes to leave Turkey

Brussels — The Nato nations agreed yesterday to withdraw from Turkey special air units sent in January to bolster its defences against possible border skirmishes with Iraq. Nato said that, with the end of the Gulf war, the aircraft could be pulled out because of a reduced threat to the alliance's territory.

Although Nato itself was not involved in the fighting, its members sent planes, missiles and other hardware to Turkey to strengthen its defences in case of attack. In addition, the Nato allies dispatched patrol planes, surveillance ships, minehunters and minesweepers to the Mediterranean.

The Nato statement said measures taken to protect the shipping lanes and heighten air defences would be "progressively terminated." *(AP)*

Bonn mines role

Bonn — In what would be the first big Bundeswehr operation outside the Nato area, German minesweepers are being prepared to help clear the large number of mines in the Gulf. Five of the vessels, among the most modern in the world, have been on patrol in the eastern Mediterranean since last August, but that duty has technically been inside Nato's area.

Royal visitor

Kuwait City — Hamad al-Jouan, a leading Kuwaiti opposition politician seriously wounded last week in an assassination attempt, said he had been visited in hospital by Crown Prince Sheikh Saad al-Sabah. Mr al-Jouan had not known his assailant, but believed he had been working for an enemy of Kuwait. *(AFP)*

Jets for Egypt

Washington — The Bush administration has notified Congress that it will sell Egypt 46 F16 jet fighters and more than 1,600 bombs and missiles for $1.6 billion (£850 million) the defence department said yesterday. Egypt had previously bought more than a hundred of the sophisticated F16s. *(Reuter)*

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Polish ban may delay Soviet pullout

From ANNE McELVOY IN BERLIN

SOVIET troops may not be able to hold to the agreed timetable for withdrawal from eastern Germany unless Poland relaxes its ban on transit for the Soviet army, according to the general in charge of the operation.

General Matvei Burlakov, commander in chief of the Soviet western group of forces, said that Warsaw's refusal to let the troops move through Poland had meant that the withdrawal was already falling behind target.

"The main problem is the behaviour of the Polish leadership," General Burlakov said. "This combined with the bad weather has already put us behind schedule." Only half of the planned 27,000 troops were withdrawn in January and February.

Poland has barred railway transit for Soviet forces because of a disagreement over the rate of withdrawal of Moscow's forces from Polish soil.

Warsaw wants to see the troops gone by the end of the year, Moscow says that it will take until the end of 1994.

Kremlin leadership seeks urgent remedy for economic plight

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

THE Soviet Union's top executive body, the Council of the Federation, was meeting in emergency session yesterday to discuss the sharp deterioration in the country's political and economic situation and arrangements for the referendum, which is only ten days away. President Gorbachev's spokesman, Vitali Ignatenko, described the meeting as one which could decide the fate of the country.

The meeting follows a session of the Soviet government on Monday which heard President Gorbachev warn of the need for tough decisions to halt the decline in production. Mr Ignatenko said that meeting had been marked by sharp exchanges and great tension.

Official reports said that ministers, most of them newly confirmed in their posts, had presented a catalogue of complaints about broken contracts, non-existent deliveries and a breakdown in the ties between enterprises and central ministries that used to constitute central planning. According to the report, they had also regretted the "survival of the fittest" attitude shown by bigger enterprises and republics which left the smaller units with nothing.

Unusually, the blame was spread evenly between the republics and the central administration. "The fulfilment by the republics of contracts signed by them and the centre's fulfilment of its obligations towards the republics are extremely unsatisfactory," the official report said. It also admitted that measures taken by the leadership, including a presidential decree requiring all enterprises and republics to fulfil agreed contracts, had had little effect.

The council session is the culmination of two weeks of high-level meetings attended, and often chaired, by President Gorbachev. He appears to have used the meetings to gauge who, if anyone, can be trusted to restore a degree of control to an economic mechanism which is running amok. Senior party officials have met three times in the past week to discuss the economy in general and food supplies in particular.

The word "discipline" has dominated each gathering, giving rise to speculation that Mr Gorbachev may hope to use the party's remaining organisational power in much the same way as troops were used in Poland after the declaration of martial law: to restore production discipline.

The party, it is suggested, may be the only organisation, short of the army that can still maintain industrial production. The slogan of the early perestroika years, that party officials should keep out of economic matters, has been abruptly reversed.

The summoning of the Council of the Federation suggests that President Gorbachev wants any emergency measures to have the approval of republics. This tactic has failed dismally in the past, however, as republican leaders refuse to take responsibility for a chaotic situation and unpopular remedies, which they believe lies with the centre.

Photo cull: portraits of former East German politburo members going on the scrapheap yesterday at Köpenick town hall in what was East Berlin. Spring cleaning began this week in Germany as town halls used the monthly municipal collection of bulky rubbish to dispose of pictures of communist former rulers.

In Köpenick, pictures of the former prime minister, Willi Stoph, and the now deceased president of the People's Chamber, Horst Sindermann, were the first to be discarded. Portraits of Erich Honecker, the former leader, which once adorned every office wall, disappeared immediately after his downfall in the autumn of 1989 and were burnt on ceremonial pyres. Pictures of Herr Honecker and his despised security chief, Erich Mielke, are now rarities which fetch good prices in west Berlin junk shops, much to the incomprehension of easterners.

Airliner vanishes with 43 on board

Caracas — A Venezuelan airliner carrying 43 people on a domestic flight disappeared 25 minutes after leaving the oil centre of Maracaibo. Airline officials differed over whether it might have crashed or been hijacked. A newspaper report, quoting police, said "criminals linked to drug traffickers" had hijacked the plane on Tuesday. Officials resumed the search yesterday.

The twin-engine DC9 of the Aéropostal line was on a 135-mile flight from Maracaibo to Santa Bárbara del Zulia, an oil town in western Venezuela. The trip normally takes 35 minutes. All on board, including five crew, were believed to be Venezuelans. *(AP)*

Big money

Sydney — Australia has launched a 1kg (32.15oz) gold nugget coin which it says is the largest in the world. The nugget, of 99.99 per cent gold, features a red kangaroo design and has a face value of $Aus10,000 (£4,065). It is three inches in diameter and half an inch thick, and is part of a new series of gold, silver and platinum coins issued on behalf of the Australian government. *(Reuter)*

Imports curbed

The cholera epidemic in Peru which has affected 55,000 people and killed more than 250, has led seven European countries to restrict Peruvian food imports. The action by Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, The Netherlands and Belgium reflects growing nervousness about the epidemic, which is running out of control with 10,000 new cases and 60 deaths in the past week. It appears to have spread to Ecuador.

Smoke break

Washington — Americans trying to kick the smoking habit may be able to deduct the cost from their taxes if Senator Bill Bradley has his way. He has asked the Internal Revenue Service to allow Americans to deduct the cost of programmes to stop smoking from their tax bills. *(Reuter)*

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Rise in jobless widens German economic gap

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

THE 1.7 million public service employees in eastern Germany were celebrating a modest pay rise yesterday as new unemployment figures showed that the gap between the economies in the two parts of the country was widening.

While trade unions are battling to increase salaries in the east to match those in the west, employers say this is creating unemployment which will make economic recovery even more difficult. With nearly 9 per cent of the workforce in the east unemployed and almost one in four on short-time working, gloomy predictions that half the wage earners there will be on the dole by the end of the year look possible. By contrast, the number out of work in the west dipped slightly in February.

The pay rise agreed for the public service employees, whose jobs are more secure than most, is likely to be a trend-setter. It gives the workers a wage worth 60 per cent of that paid to their counterparts in the west and it is hoped there will be pay equality by 1993.

Ending state subsidies is an essential part of that process. Rents are being allowed to rise over this year by 850 per cent. As the cost of living increases to equal that in the west, workers are less prepared to accept lower wages.

Unemployment in east and west

	Unemployed		Short time working	
	East	West	East	West
July	372,017	1,863,670	656,277	30,160
August	361,286	1,812,812	1,499,872	26,530
September	444,856	1,727,760	1,728,749	32,233
October	536,800	1,687,434	1,703,782	39,404
November	589,178	1,685,124	1,709,899	48,866
December	642,182	1,784,150	1,794,032	50,471
January	757,162	1,873,989	1,840,639	92,646
February	786,992	1,868,855	1,903,614	131,014

Delors presses for EC defence role

From GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

BRITAIN is caught in the middle of an undeclared war between the European Community and America for control of the Atlantic alliance.

In a speech in London tonight, Jacques Delors, the president of the European Commission, will set out the case for creating an EC caucus within Nato during the 1990s. He will also attack critics who have said European disunity during the Gulf war would make plans for joint foreign policies inoperable.

The move by community governments towards assuming defence powers has increased American fears that Nato could be divided into mutually suspicious European and American camps.

Britain, alarmed by the accelerated American pullout from Europe caused by the Gulf war, has decided to back a limited defence role for the community — which it previously resisted. Other governments suggest that joint European forces might operate outside Nato's limited geographical area. The first stage will put the community in charge of the neglected Western European Union. The European Commission anticipates the community swallowing the union in the mid-1990s. Britain wants community leaders to give general guidance to the WEU, leaving military matters with the union and Nato.

Washington is anxious that an EC caucus, which might include neutral governments, will make decisions in advance of Nato consultations. Britain argues that Europe will only pay a larger share of the cost of Western defence if it takes a greater role in managing the alliance. The risk is that Europe will remain too divided to organise effective defence, but America will decide it should end its European military commitment.

Chandra Shekhar accuses Gandhi and quits

From CHRISTOPHER THOMAS
IN DELHI

Resigned look: Chandra Shekhar gesturing as he leaves the presidential palace in Delhi after saying he could not continue as Indian prime minister

INDIA'S third government in 16 months collapsed yesterday when Chandra Shekhar, the prime minister, stunned parliament by announcing he was resigning. At the end of a 20-minute speech, he declared that he could no longer govern in the face of the situation created by the Congress (I) party and that he was heading for the presidential palace to quit. His minority administration was four months old.

A communiqué from the palace said that President Venkataraman was "pleased to accept" the resignation. Mr Chandra Shekhar will stay on as caretaker prime minister until alternative arrangements are made.

The question now is whether Rajiv Gandhi, the former prime minister and leader of the Congress (I) party, which had supported the government in parliament, will be allowed by the president to try to form a coalition administration or whether the president will accept Mr Chandra Shekhar's call for elections. Mr Gandhi, who was privately informed of the impending resignation, held talks with the president yesterday morning.

Mr Venkataraman promised a decision within 24 hours. He is known to fear that an election could lead to widespread violence at a time of severe tensions between Hindus and Muslims, caused by a dispute over a religious site in the holy city of Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh. He is also worried by potentially explosive strains between high and low-caste Hindus, stemming from earlier plans to reserve government jobs for lower castes.

Mr Chandra Shekhar's government has fallen while it was still trying to pass an interim budget. Foreign exchange reserves are running perilously low and inflation is climbing steadily.

There are strong doubts about Mr Gandhi's ability to convince the president that he can assemble a coalition with a clear parliamentary majority. The last thing he wants is an election: all indications are that there will be another hung parliament, leaving him in no better position than he is now and perhaps worse.

Because Mr Gandhi's party propped up the Chandra Shekhar administration, it was refused the title of official opposition, but neither was it part of the government. Voters were not sure whether it supported or opposed the government. Its traditional voters, Muslims, Harijans (untouchables) and Brahmins, are turning to other parties, and it cannot any longer justify its traditional promise of political stability. Mr Chandra Shekhar has obviously grown tired of being dictated to by Mr Gandhi. The prime minister was forced into taking several difficult decisions, such as discontinuing the refuelling of Gulf-bound American military aircraft, postponing a full budget, dismissing five ministers, and imposing direct rule from Delhi on the southern state of Tamil Nadu. Congress (I) has boycotted parliament this week in protest at the discovery that intelligence agents have been monitoring Mr Gandhi's home in Delhi. They were employees of an intelligence bureau run by the northern state of Haryana. The party headquarters, too, were being watched. This is a small affair, but it finally persuaded Mr Chandra Shekhar to go.

Mrs Mandela 'danced as she beat victims'

From GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

WINNIE Mandela hummed a tune and danced while punching and whipping four young men she had declared not fit to be alive, Kenneth Kgase, aged 31, one of her alleged victims, told the supreme court in Johannesburg yesterday. Mr Kgase was giving evidence at the trial of Mrs Mandela, the wife of Nelson Mandela, deputy president of the African National Congress, and three other people, all accused of kidnapping several young blacks from a church mission in Soweto before seriously assaulting them at Mrs Mandela's home.

Last year Jerry Richardson, the leader of Mrs Mandela's bodyguards, was sentenced to death for murdering Stompie Moeketsi Seipei, one of those allegedly seized.

Mrs Mandela's trial resumed yesterday after a three-week adjournment during which Mr Kgase and Barend Mono, aged 21, were given police protection. They had expressed fears about testifying after the third surviving alleged victim, Gabriel Mekgwe, aged 22, disappeared last month. He was reportedly last seen being escorted from the same church mission by three members of the ANC.

Mr Kgase said they were taken from the mission by Richardson and other men to a room with an empty jacuzzi in Mrs Mandela's home in December 1988. He denied allegations by his abductors that he had had sexual relations with the Reverend Paul Verryn, a white Methodist minister, although he admitted the minister had tickled him after sleeping in the same bed with him.

Mrs Mandela entered the room and sat on a chair, he said. "She kept quiet for a while. When she stood up she said we were not fit to be alive." She then questioned them and accused Moeketsi of being a police informer. "All of a sudden I was grabbed by my hair. Mrs Mandela grabbed me ... then she punched me below the left eye, and she punched me again ... she asked me why do I make friends with white people."

Questioned by Jan Swanepoel, for the prosecution, Mr Kgase said Mrs Mandela punched Moeketsi and then the others joined in. "There was pandemonium. I got myself punched by too many people. Jerry and the others were working on my body. Mrs Mandela was humming a tune then and dancing to the rhythm. All of a sudden I saw her having a sjambok [hide whip]. I was struck with the sjambok. Before she said anything, she struck several blows."

Mr Mandela was not in court when Mr Kgase gave evidence.

TOKYO NOTEBOOK by Joanna Pitman

Chills and ills of spring fever

When moonstruck young couples begin courting on the leafy boulevards of Paris or Rome, the people know that spring has truly sprung. The heralds of the rising sap in Japan are rather different.

As rain and sleet fall over most of the country, weather forecasters grace television screens sporting green neckties to recite their traditional 17-syllable springtime greetings. This is because last weekend was the official start of spring in Japan, even though most of the northern half of the country was buried under a thick blanket of snow.

Such niceties do not bother the nation's calendar planners. For seasons in Japan are implemented by official decree with all the digital precision of a Seiko watch. Daily life for all has become subject to rigid new springtime specifications.

In the southern island of Kyushu, 50 employees braved the day-long downpour on Saturday to celebrate the new season with their annual boat trip down a succession of rocky rapids. Dressed in regulation shirt sleeves, they took to their tiny vessel like commuters to a Tokyo underground train, resolutely reciting seasonal poems and drinking sake as the precarious punt filled with icy water and their sodden song sheets began to dissolve.

However inconvenient all this seasonal adjustment may seem, it is perfectly normal to the people of Japan, who apparently prefer to lead largely pre-programmed lives. Authority bestowed from above is doggedly accepted — even if it results in contracting pneumonia from an inopportune sortie on the river.

For all those affected at times of the "season switch", it is the weather forecasters who are most vulnerable. To them falls the honour of recognising *setsubun*, or springtime breezes, and the onset of the cherry blossom season as it sweeps northward.

Professional honour is at stake here and premature sightings of the delicate pink-and-white blooms have been known to scupper even the most promising of weather forecasting careers.

Most television forecasters have opted for security and offered forecasts in line with the official prediction from the Meteorological Agency. This has categorically stated that Tokyo blossoms will open on March 28. There was panic last year when the unseasonally warm weather forced the blossoms in the capital to open ahead of schedule. Millions of forecaster fans lost confidence in their idols and have this year invested in a DIY blossom prediction device, brought out by a wily electronic gadget manufacturer.

China forces lawyers to drop dissident appeal

From CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

TWO defence lawyers for Wang Juntao, the Chinese dissident jailed last month for 13 years for allegedly masterminding the Tiananmen Square protests in June 1989, seem to have abandoned his appeal under official pressure, leaving his wife to conduct his defence. Today is the deadline for the defence to produce an appeal document.

In the absence of defence lawyers, Wang's wife, Hou Xiaotian, aged 28, has said she does not have enough time to prepare her case. She last saw the defence lawyer, Zhang Sizhi, on February 20, when he gave no indication that he was about to leave town. He has not contacted her since. A week later, the second defence lawyer, Sun Yachen, rang her to tell her that his employer, the Luoyang city justice bureau, had warned him that if he returned to Peking for the appeal he would be punished.

The next day, the court in Peking told Ms Hou that it could wait no longer for her lawyers, and she would have to conduct the defence on her husband's bahalf. Reluctantly, she agreed, and was allowed to see her husband in prison on Tuesday to discuss his appeal. Sources say she found him in high spirits but poor health.

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Yellow ribbons from here to the election

Peter Stothard, US Editor, on Bush's strategy for undermining the Democrats

Bush: six days of campaigning for every hour of the ground war

Last night George Bush began the long goodbye to the war in the Gulf and the long hello to his homecoming troops. Both are likely to be among the more extended ceremonies of history. Any changes in American foreign and domestic policy will have to be sought out in the coming months from behind miles of yellow bunting.

In his address to a joint session of Congress the president ranged from James Baker's imminent Middle East trip to the need to make American cities as safe for American youth as Kuwait had been. He spoke of his broad domestic programmes and of the need for the nation to unify around them as it had unified around the war.

But that was just "the speech", as White House insiders like to say, writing the quotation marks in the air as though they fear their scepticism might be trapped on tape. No one knows how much, if any, of his policies Mr Bush is now prepared to fight for. Do his phrases about crime and civil rights represent real aims? Or are they clichés that will cling as briefly as sticking plaster to the body of the now great man?

Senior State Department officials believe that the president is now prepared to be tougher with Israel than he has ever been. They interpret the president's post-war brief to Mr Baker, his secretary of state, as a commitment to risking some of his new-found reputation upon a permanent settlement of the Palestinian issue. Others who know the president well remain sceptical.

Only one section of last night's speech was clear to all. The triumphant welcomes for the homecoming American forces are to be spread over months and will form the heart of the 1992 Republican election campaign. Mr Bush's advisers want six days of Democrat-destroying politics for every hour of the ground campaign that destroyed Saddam's army. If they get their way, their opponents at home and abroad will soon be interchangeable.

The Republican media men plan a set of grotesque public marriages: Democrat Governor Cuomo and Saddam, Democrat Senator Nunn and Saddam, Democrat Speaker Foley and Tariq Aziz. "Six hundred days of pounding should not only bring George Bush back to the White House but deliver us a Republican Senate in 1992 and a Democratic House that knows its place," said one consultant. "The congressional Democrats are working on their domestic agenda to make us forget the war," said Clayton Yeutter, the Republican party chairman, "just like the Baathist party of Iraq."

The Democrats are debating how to stop the rot. Should they say "sorry, we were wrong"? Those arguing this are mostly columnists who will not have to taste the humble-pie themselves. Should they say "we will never know if a longer period of sanctions would have worked"? That would require a contempt for the intelligence of voters that even decades of congressional incumbency have rarely achieved.

Should they try to show the dark side of the war? Should they ignore Mr Yeutter's barbs, and prove him right by trying to bring the political agenda back home? The leadership appears to have chosen a mixture of these last two tacks.

Senate majority leader George Mitchell said on Tuesday that Mr Bush faced an inquest into a decade of friendship and encouragement of Saddam Hussein by the Republican White House. Richard Gephardt, the House leader, is planning a big economic assault. As the Japanese and Germans decline in popular esteem, supporters of the House majority leader hope that his personal brand of protectionism is due for a revival.

Other top democrats have tougher tasks. Mario Cuomo will need a very special diversion to banish the memory of the day he described how Saddam Hussein could be bought off with a little bit of land and oil. So will Senator Sam Nunn, whose long-standing support of strong national defence is unlikely to protect him from his decision to lead the anti-war campaign.

One option for Democrats — risky but never to be ruled out — is to obfuscate and subtly lie. This will be easier for the less prominent politicians than for those whose every utterance was collected by the Republican archive of negative soundbites. Forward-looking consultants hope that someone young and unknown could be blooded by a certain 1992 defeat in readiness for a 1996 victory. But, as the homecoming ceremonies stretch forward into infinity, choosing a candidate to fit that strategy is an easier game for a dinner party than a political party.

Major's men to watch

Robin Oakley

Half of John Major's first 100 days as prime minister have been dominated by an extraordinary war which distorted normal patterns of political life. We shall need longer to judge his record at home. But it is not too soon to assess the form of those around him.

At the top of the list of winners must be Douglas Hurd. He has slipped back with dignity into the role that fits him like an ambassador's white glove. Although he failed in his attempt on the premiership, his authority as foreign secretary is unimpaired. When the press sought guidance on the prime minister's attitudes to the Soviet Union before his Moscow visit, they were handed copies of a fortnight-old speech by Mr Hurd. That would never have happened under Mrs Thatcher. Foreign policy is now a team affair.

Tom King, reaching the stage of old cabinet warhorse expendable in a reshuffle, must have won himself an extended lease of life thanks to his comfortable, bluff handling of the Gulf war as defence secretary. Should he go, it will be on his own terms.

In home affairs, Richard Ryder, a shrewd assessor of political tides, showed a polite ruthlessness in the Major leadership campaign and is proving a decisive chief whip. David Mellor, as chief secretary to the Treasury (like the prime minister, a Chelsea football supporter), has gained the cabinet position Mrs Thatcher denied him. He showed his mettle in the debate on the autumn statement, fencing effectively with the shadow chancellor, John Smith. Mr Mellor is likely to be at the forefront of the election campaign.

Malcolm Rifkind, released at last from Scotland, is recovering his Commons style as transport secretary. And John MacGregor, deeply disappointed when Mrs Thatcher switched him from the education department, has found his touch as leader of the Commons and joins the Major inner circle. Less obviously to outsiders, Tony Newton has shown in his handling of the Sick Pay Bill that he can do battle. Opposition as well as Tory MPs call him one of the best debaters in the Commons.

In the most intriguing position of all is party chairman Chris Patten, who backed Douglas Hurd in the Tory leadership contest. To the chagrin of Thatcherites, he will play a key role in drawing up the election manifesto. As the chosen target of the restive right wing, he will have to play for Mr Major something of the role that Norman Tebbit played for Margaret Thatcher: diverting flak that might otherwise be directed at the prime minister. If he withstands it he could emerge as one of the biggest winners of the Major years, entitled to expect serious advancement if the Conservatives win the election. With Mr Major acknowledging even now that there is life after politics, and with Mrs Thatcher's career a demonstration of the dangers of three terms at the top, Mr Patten's hopes of the premiership are by no means extinguished.

Who then are the losers? At the top of the list must come Michael Heseltine. Was a political lifetime's game-plan, and four years' countrywide effort, for this? He failed to attract enough heavyweight campaigners, won no posts for his closest lieutenants, and has looked less convincing weekly at the Department of the Environment as the dismal search for a poll-tax substitute stumbles on. Should Mr Major falter, he does not, on present form, look the danger he might once have been.

William Waldegrave has been assured by Mr Major that the stories of a loss of prime ministerial confidence in him are groundless. But the persistence of such rumours shows that he has enemies at court determined to make his life at the health department uncomfortable. Meanwhile Peter Lilley languishes in the shapeless DTI, demonstrably outclassed by the aggressive Gordon Brown in industry debates.

Kenneth Baker's exact position is undecided. Although higher in the pecking order than he might have expected as home secretary, he is aware that this time reforming zeal alone is not enough; he must produce results.

Sir Tim Bell, Sir Gordon Reece and other image makers are losers, at least for the moment, under a prime minister who worries much about his image but shuns political French-polishers.

One unlikely winner is the Scottish Tory party, its headquarters settling down under the quiet influence of the new secretary of state Ian Lang, and the poll standings of the Tories north of the border have been improved as much by having a male party leader as by the Gulf war.

Finally, the forgotten winner: cabinet government, and one of the less obvious losers: the political sketch writers.

Bernard Levin on a Stone Age woman who found a lesser form of civilisation in America

It's a jingle out there

Rider Haggard has a lot to answer for. It is possible that if he had not written such books as *King Solomon's Mines* and *Allan Quatermain*, Edgar Wallace might not have written *Sanders of the River*, and modern anthropology might never have existed. That suggests a considerable burden of guilt, but he must bear it, because it was he who invented, or at least established, the vogue for finding lost tribes in impenetrable jungles.

The practice goes on, though today it is put on a supposed scientific basis; the lost tribes in question, when the jungle drums beat out the depressing news that another lot of idiots from Princeton are on the way to study their customs, either rapidly pack up their gear and get even loster, or stay to sell the visitors medicinal bark, pigskin belts, runes carved on wood, bits of rock with magic properties and the like, all of it imported from supermarkets in Miami. This junk is taken back and exhibited, and a few months later the book is published, whereupon the lost tribe — they weren't as lost as all *that* — hires a Californian lawyer to demand a hefty slice of the royalties.

Here comes another lost tribe, this one very lost indeed, called the Hasupuweteri, who still live as did their ancestors in the Stone Age. They had got lost in the interior of Venezuela, but an intrepid American anthropologist found them again (where you and I would immediately have sought them as soon as we heard they had been lost, viz, in the heart of the Amazon rainforest, which by now must be strewn with neatly painted metal signposts reading "This way to the lost tribes") and stayed with them for 12 years; the quantity of medicinal bark, pigskin belts, etc, he must have acquired doesn't bear thinking about.

But he also acquired a wife, Yarima, which is where the trouble started. His betrothal was at first a symbolic one only. But as the years passed, he fell in love with her, and after immense efforts and hardships he brought her to the United States as a legal spouse; when last heard of, they were living happily ever after.

I turn now, however, to the excerpts from the book (yes, of course there is a book — *Into the Heart*, published by Hamish Hamilton for £15.99 or a lot of medicinal bark, pigskin belts, etc, whichever shall be the dearer) and to the interview with the happy couple by June Southworth for the *Daily Mail*. And it was at this point that I found the subtle worm of doubt twitching its whiskers. The doubt was not for the authenticity of the tale; I am willing to accept every word of it, runes, magic rocks, the lot. No, I blanched only when I came to passages like these:

> Today the girl who walked the jungle nude, with bones through her nose, wears the US uniform of jeans, sweatshirt and trainers. Her hair is permed in tight black curls and ear-rings dangle against her coppery skin. She eats Kentucky fried chicken, drinks Coke and screams with delight when Madonna appears on TV ... Yarima loves to see herself on video ... But her son David, now four, scowls at the screen and mutters "no more jungle!" He cheers up when the video is replaced by *The Flintstones* ... Already David is running to his father complaining that he said "Thank you" and "Mommy didn't say 'You're welcome'."

You see the problem. I am touched — who would not be? — by this story of a modern American and a wife from 10,000 years ago. But I cannot help wondering whether she might not do better to get lost again, and this time permanently, if what she has exchanged for her wretched jungle existence, bones through her nose and all, is a perm, a pair of dangling ear-rings, jeans, sweatshirt, trainers, her image on video, *The Flintstones*, Kentucky fried chicken, Coke, "You're welcome" and Madonna.

Here, surely, her husband seems to have displayed a remarkable lack of imagination. No one would have wanted him — and he surely would not — to use his wife as an object of study. But she came to him and his country as an absolute *tabula rasa*. He could, with enough patience (and the years among the Hasupuweteri suggest that he had a good deal of it), have taught her practically anything about anything. Just think of what faced her: everything was new, different, unfathomable — language, customs, clothes, other races, sights and sounds, cooking, the streets (when she saw her first motor car she thought it was an animal), machinery, artificial light and heat, music, the printed word, metal, glass, everything was as a Martian would find it.

Yarima could have been taught as a child is taught; and it is up to the teacher to map out the syllabus, which can range over an infinity of knowledge, from art to traffic, from good food to colours, from words to things. But what did teacher provide?

> Ken translates as she says: "I did not know what music was. My people have no musical instruments. All is chanting. When I first heard your music I hated it. Then I started snapping my fingers and tapping my toes. Madonna has a good voice and I like the way Michael Jackson moves."

Let us think for a moment about that Martian. When he got back to Mars everybody would have wanted to know what it was like on earth. He would have brought back a range of goods and products, a vast collection of books in many languages, art and artefacts of every kind, every type of clothing, food and entertainment, a comprehensive range of all the varieties of earthly worship, studies of our medicine, communications, government — everything, that is, which would help the people of Mars understand the people of Earth, not forgetting those things that the Martians would puzzle over for ever, like the attachment in expensive penknives for taking stones out of horses' hooves.

The Martians would naturally be eager to know what he had seen, to examine the things he had brought back. Imagine their disappointment if he were to declare that he had left all the luggage behind and could only remember that Madonna had a good voice and he liked the way Michael Jackson moved.

No doubt, when the whole touching story is told, there will spring up, in America at least, groups insisting, to the point of demonstrations and marches, that any attempt to widen Yarima's horizons with vistas of the modern world would be racist, sexist, elitist, northernhemispherist and indeed Stone Ageist. After all, in the United States it is already a serious criminal offence (or it will be very soon) to suggest that there is any difference between Michael Jackson and Beethoven, let alone that the latter is a greater composer than the former. It follows, *a fortiori*, that a woman who has known no culture (in the widest sense of the word) other than that which governed the Stone Age, must at all costs be prevented from moving out of a milieu last heard of 10,000 years ago. Indeed, Yarima will be lucky not to be kidnapped and forcibly repatriated to the land of the Hasupuweteri, there to resume her Stone Age life and live it until she dies. A grim fate; that will teach her to answer damn fool questions from anthropologists in search of lost tribes.

...and moreover

CLEMENT FREUD

Listlessly switching channels on the television set of my Santa Monica hotel room, I noticed the message: "Earn College Credits by Watching. From Los Angeles Community College." I watched. The programme was called Unusual Sex Practices and featured a woman of uncertain age with heavy eye make-up, a rust-coloured top which covered the ten inches above her waistline and, as far as the viewer could see, not a lot else. Her co-host, who sat opposite her — and must have seen much more — was a psychiatrist with a really expensive hairpiece. The subject-matter was streaking and flashing, and it was the opinion of the medic that men who exposed themselves were being turned on by the effect their nudity had on the observer.

"So it is best we don't give them that satisfaction," suggested the near-naked one.

"Mmm," said the one with the hair.

She related that when she was in high school a man had come up to her and a girlfriend and opened his mackintosh. "So I said, 'It looks like a penis only smaller.' Was that the right thing to have said?"

"Mmm," said the shrink.

"The Queen of Ireland — or Ulster," she continued, "used to lift up her skirt, Her Majesty and 610 of her ladies, and expose herself; how about that?" I shall never feel the same about credits from Los Angeles Community College.

On Channel 30, the learning channel, a man of my sort of age, but thinner, with polished fingernails and gold-framed spectacles, is making a waistcoat at an electric sewing machine. He is a tailor, of the school of the Brothers Grimm rather than the Brothers Brooks. And he sings and ho-hums and chats to the viewers as he cuts the material and pins it and machines it together. It is bespoke stuff for oldies, reminiscent of the TV interlude of the last generation, in which skilful practitioners worked to a sound-track of appropriate music that was out of copyright. Sadly, in the 1990s there has to be commentary, so he talks as he sews: "They call this the bolero. It's from Spain. That's where Spanish people come from, Spain in Yoorup." Then the thread breaks. "I don't know why the thread has broken, it's one of those things; let's see how this machine works." And he reaches for a reel of cotton and cuts the thread on a slant. "To make a sharper point, make it easier to go through the eye of a needle." It takes him a while and then he is off, whizzing away at a seam. "I'll be right back to put the other facing on to the second armhole."

On an altogether more professional, serious-money channel, the morning-show hosts are interviewing the recently elected Miss United States. She is from Kansas and looks like the archetypal beauty queen: all teeth and hair and vital statistics — each of which appear to outscore her IQ.

"You going to give your favourite recipe?"

"Yup, it is popcorn cake."

"Have you been making it long?"

"Gee, I've been making it when friends come to call since I was 16."

Miss US moves to the counter where there is a bowl of popcorn and a basin of glue, which she claims to be melted marshmallow. "Now you add a cup of oil and a stick of melted butter to the marshmallow and mix it." It won't mix. This works better when it's all warm, she explains, adding a whoosh of Smarties and trying to blend in the popcorn, putting it into a dish, letting it set. The host comes to her rescue. "Here's the one she made earlier," and he cuts a piece and tastes it: "Yes, this has a distinctive flavour. We'll be right back." Not me.

On Channel 6, a public subscription network that has begging where the others have commercials, the Frugal Gourmet is making pasta dishes. Frugal is one of the best people on US TV, gives it to us like it is. Today he makes three pasta dishes, each containing half a cup of olive oil, a rounded tablespoon of chopped garlic and some anchovy fillets drained in milk. That's another thing; Frugal knows what he likes.

THE TIMES DIARY

Princely PR job

The politician who can take the credit for turning the Prince of Wales into an apostle for proportional representation is Dr David Owen. A former SDP official confirms that it was an "open secret" around the party's Cowley Street headquarters that Owen was the prince's favourite politician.

"They saw each other on a private basis," he says. "It's hard to imagine that Dr Owen did not extol the virtues of PR to the prince. He does to everyone else." Former SDP staff also recall a visit Prince Charles paid to the party's think-tank, the Tawney Society, in the early 1980s. "He was quite gushing in his admiration for Dr Owen," says one who was present. "He was talking just like a page out of the SDP manifesto."

Owen was coy about his role in the royal conversion yesterday. "If we have discussed it I would not tell you," he said. "But I am delighted he said it. It will help provoke debate on an important issue." Did he think the prince was right to have entered the political fray in this way?

"I think the answer is yes," says Owen. "But then I am a little prejudiced."

Game of two halves

Soccer will be shaken to its foundations next week when for the first time a woman officiates at a professional league match. Wendy Toms, a 28-year-old warehouse manager from Dorset, has been named as reserve official at a third-division game between Bournemouth and Reading on Tuesday.

Unless an injury befalls the referee and two linesmen, Toms will have to wait a while before taking to the touchline, but her appointment marks a historic breakthrough. Most believe it can now only be a matter of time before she is promoted to officiating linesman and then, eventually, become one of those abused figures who wave the red and yellow cards. But can the all-male world of football ever get used to yelling obscenities at a lines*woman*?

Aspects of enmity

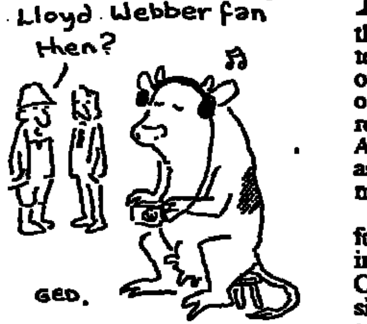
Members of the National Farmers' Union in Yorkshire have complained to the prime minister about being stood up by the agriculture minister John Gummer so that he could attend Andrew Lloyd Webber's wedding.

Gummer, who gave the farmers two days' notice of the cancellation but did not explain why, was to be found filing into a Suffolk church with a handful of the composer's close friends 90 minutes before he was due to have addressed a Yorkshire area agricultural advisory committee in Ripon. The local Tory MP, David Curry, who was asked to step in at short notice told his audience: "I don't know where John Gummer is. All I know is that it's personal."

The first the farmers knew of the absent minister's whereabouts was when they saw their Sunday newspapers the following day. Bert Langthorne, an NFU official, says bluntly: "It was a bloody disgrace. The arrangement was made a year ago. We are furious."

Lloyd Webber's wedding ceremony had been postponed from the previous week because of heavy snow and so Gummer's difficulties were genuine. But Tony Robinson, the Tory agent for Ryedale, who is secretary of the advisory committee, says: "It wasn't good enough — we still haven't had an apology."

This is not the first time Gummer's friendship with Lloyd Webber has got him into trouble. Last year he was strongly criticised by Labour MPs for flying to Washington for meetings with American government officials and then turning up with his wife at the New York première of *Phantom of the Opera*. But ministers should surely be allowed to lead a normal life away from their ubiquitous red boxes.



Gummer ain't the only Lloyd Webber fan then?
GED.

● *Paddy Ashdown's son Simon landed a lucrative recording deal in France yesterday with his obscurely titled rock group, The Beckets. The contract, with the French division of Richard Branson's Virgin label, is for a 12-track compact disc, although there are as yet no plans for a British release. That, at least, will be a relief to Ashdown senior, whose musical son says: "I have been trying to keep the family connection quiet. He does not like the music at all." That didn't prevent the Liberal Democrat leader requesting a track by his son's band when he was on* Desert Island Discs. *But, he added: "I am not nominating this for enjoyment, but more out of pride."*

Thatcher to speak

Mrs Thatcher promised the American journalist Barbara Walters last August that she would grant her the first television interview after she left office. Mrs Thatcher is a woman of her word: the interview is being recorded today for broadcast on ABC News tomorrow night, billed as "the first lady of broadcasting meets the first lady of politics".

At the time it was promised the former prime minister was standing beside George Bush in Aspen, Colorado, condemning the invasion of Kuwait. Walters was as surprised as anyone by the course of events thereafter. "I had no idea it would be so soon," she said in Washington yesterday.

Walters says she will not pull punches. "It will touch on what she thinks may have led up to her leaving office, what is her future, and her personal recollections of dealing with three American presidents." Walters also plans to ask the question to which many in Britain, including John Major, would surely like to know the answer: are there any circumstances in which she would contemplate a recall to the political front line?

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

The arrival in Riyadh yesterday of what appear to be the last Western prisoners of war in Iraqi hands will be an immense relief for their families. It is only a first step by Iraq towards meeting its ceasefire obligations. Baghdad's claim yesterday that it has released all its Gulf war prisoners is patently false. Thousands of Kuwaiti soldiers, captured last August when Iraq invaded, remain in captivity. The Iraqi government originally claimed that, since Kuwait was part of Iraq and not an independent state, these prisoners were Iraq's internal affair and were not, by definition, prisoners of war. Its statement yesterday suggests that President Saddam Hussein is still refusing to recognise Iraq's legal obligations under the Third Geneva Convention of 1949.

A permanent ceasefire is out of the question until Iraq does so. United Nations resolution 686, which sets out the terms for a ceasefire, requires Iraq to arrange for the immediate release not only of all PoWs but of all Kuwaiti and third country nationals taken prisoner. The allies must increase the pressure on Baghdad to comply in full, if necessary through a further meeting of the UN Security Council.

Iraq's record on PoWs means that nothing can be taken on trust. After the Iran-Iraq war, Iraq held thousands of Iranians against their will for more than two years. Under the third and fourth Geneva conventions of 1949, neither PoWs nor civilian hostages may be used as bargaining counters, in this case for the return of the more than 125,000 Iraqi soldiers captured by the allies. Article 118 of the convention states that PoWs "shall be released and repatriated without delay after the cessation of active hostilities". There can be no quid pro quo, no deal. Non-compliance by the other side does not absolve a party of its obligations.

The same duty applies to the allies, who returned a symbolic 294 PoWs to Baghdad yesterday. On the allied side, however, there is another complication. In addition to the difficulty of returning such huge numbers, some and perhaps many Iraqis may not want to be repatriated. If they are not returned, Iraq will accuse the allies of violating the convention, which makes no explicit provision against forcible repatriation. However, the spirit of the 1949 convention is clear: to protect PoWs.

The right of PoWs not to be returned against their will is established in customary law, following the practice adopted after the Korean war. In December 1952, the UN General Assembly affirmed that "force shall not be used against prisoners of war either to effect or to prevent their return to their homelands". During the Iran-Iraq war the International Committee of the Red Cross, which both Iraq and the allies have asked to supervise the repatriation of today's PoWs, insisted on interviewing each prisoner, some of whom on both sides refused to go home. That practice must be followed.

This could involve the Western members of the alliance in difficult negotiations with Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, whose governments may be reluctant to play host to Iraqi PoWs. But article 12 of the convention states that, even if they have been transferred to a third country's custody, PoWs are ultimately the responsibility of the country whose forces captured them. For the vast majority, that means the US, Britain and France.

The British government has already promised that the 32 Iraqis detained as PoWs in this country, who were released yesterday but asked to remain, will not be forcibly repatriated. The same principle must apply in the Gulf. There must be no shadow of a repetition of the notorious repatriation of Cossacks and Yugoslavs in 1945. The allies are negotiating the repatriation with the ICRC, which will insist that the prisoners' wishes be respected. The allies should give that guarantee publicly, and without delay.

MANUFACTURED CONCERN

Does manufacturing industry really matter? Yes, according to yesterday's report from the 12 nobles who make up the House of Lords committee on science and technology. Their lordships have been banging on about manufacturing for the best part of a decade, most notably in Lord Aldington's 1985 report on overseas trade. Gordon Brown, the Labour industry spokesman, is now able to pray the Lords committee in aid of the pro-manufacturing policies outlined by his party in its policy statement "Modern Manufacturing Strength", published last week. "Action is needed now to stop the decline of our manufacturing industry" say the peers. "The first objective . . . must be to modernise our manufacturing base", said Labour. The views of the Upper House and its historical political enemy coincide.

On further inspection, this concordance is less surprising than it may seem. These are peers of a very particular background. Of the committee's 12 members, ten, including the chairman, Lord Caldecote, have held senior jobs in or around manufacturing industry. One more, Lord Chapple, is a former leader of the electricians' union, which is strongly represented in manufacturing. Labour too has deep roots among those who make things, and their trade unions.

Vested interest, then, underlies both sets of proposals. They are supported, nevertheless, by an apparently impressive collection of facts. Employment in manufacturing has fallen from seven million to five million in a decade. The UK balance of trade in manufactures has deteriorated from a small surplus in 1979 to a deficit of £15 billion in 1989. British manufacturing is less profitable than that in France, America, Germany, Italy and Japan.

No one sensible doubts the importance of "manufacturing"; it contributes a quarter of national output, and Britain cannot pay its way in the world selling services alone. But such figures are not all they seem. The divide between manufacturing and service industry is a statistician's artefact, revealing nearly nothing about the real world. Take for example a computer firm, marketing a mix of software and hardware. Is this a manufacturing company or a services company? How can you sell computers abroad if you do not sell software, and vice versa?

The evidence of decline is skimpy. True, employment in manufacturing has fallen. But this is a measure of its success in increasing productivity. True, since 1979 what is called manufacturing's share of national output has declined. But this is a product of the recession of the early 1980s, in which heavy industry bore the brunt. Between 1981 and 1989, according to the official figures, output in manufacturing and in services has grown at almost precisely the same rate.

The conditions that favour manufacturing industry are those that favour the economy as a whole: a growth-oriented macroeconomic policy; a culture that encourages private enterprise; a state which remedies free market shortcomings in labour mobility and skills and in infrastructure. Proposals put forward by the Lords (and the Labour party) merit examination by a government that sometimes seems too timid in intervening to combat private sector inflexibilities. But they merit consideration as remedies for the enterprise economy as a whole.

A healthy economy supplies both goods and services. The Lords do their cause no good by a romantic attachment to the supposed economic virility of manufacturing as against supposedly effete services. The longstanding taunt that the non-manufacturing sector is "Mickey Mouse" and "candyfloss", usually from trade unionists worried that their factory power bases are being eroded, is simply out of date.

MOTHER OF THE HOUSE

A hundred days after her abdication, Margaret Thatcher will today receive America's highest civilian award from President George Bush. In America only the Pope, among foreigners, is more popular than she. To take the Chiltern Hundreds, in order to devote herself to her new international career as lecturer and autobiographer, must be tempting. But would it be right?

The House of Commons is meant to be the political intellect of the nation, the respository of its collective wisdom, its constitutional memory bank. Mrs Thatcher belongs there. Her inclination may be to seek peaceful retirement in the Lords, as many have done before her. Her duty to herself is to remain for as long as she knows that the country values her opinion.

Mrs Thatcher still intends to influence the destiny of her party. The best place from which to do so is the Commons. If all ministers resign their seats as soon as they lose office, the legislature, while retaining its function as an electoral college for governments, will be diminished as a forum for debate. On Monday Mrs Thatcher declared her abhorrence of the idea of Parliament renouncing control over the currency in favour of a continental institution. To depart from the Commons in its hour of need would hardly serve her cause.

Of the greatest prime ministerial commoners — those with whom Mrs Thatcher is often compared — the younger Pitt, Peel, Gladstone and Churchill never went to the Lords. Other successful prime ministers accepted peerages only at the end of their political careers, in some cases many years after losing office. A few have stayed in the Commons to serve under younger prime ministers. Balfour and Lord Home both became foreign secretary after ceasing to be prime minister. Pitt the Elder and Disraeli accepted earldoms while still in office. They would scarcely have done so today. An active politician's place is in the Commons.

The question of whether Mrs Thatcher seriously entertains the notion of a comeback underlies much of the speculation about her future in the Commons. Her remarks in Finchley should have given the lie to all conspiracy theories. She could scarcely have stated her intention more clearly: it is to be "a senior elder statesman".

In the light of history, this is a remarkable renunciation. Prime ministers rarely go quietly. Gladstone's retirement after losing office in 1874 was never more than provisional. The refusal of Asquith and Lloyd George to accept defeat contributed to the "strange death" of Liberalism. Most former leaders dream of recall, Edward Heath and Lord Callaghan included. Mrs Thatcher seems to do so less than most.

She has no future as pretender to the office she relinquished with such grace, nor as a Coriolanus-like ally of her successor's enemies. She is no Mr Heath. But in the Commons she would remain a goad, or even a thorn, in the side of backsliding ministers. Her legacy will get its best parliamentary expression from its author.

Mrs Thatcher may take her seat on the backbenches seldom; she may speak rarely. A matriarch has many calls upon her time. Yet whatever Mrs Thatcher says in that chamber will receive a hearing because it comes from the mother of the mother of parliaments. She should stay.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Concern over Guinness trials delay

From Lord Spens

Sir, During a week in which the judicial system is to be put under the public microscope in respect of the Birmingham Six, may I draw to your attention another area of this system where curious things are happening.

I am one of the defendants in the "Guinness trials". What has become known as Guinness I is now over and the four defendants were convicted. The trial of the remaining three defendants was due to start on January 14, 1991. In November 1990, a casual enquiry elicited the information that all or some of the appeals against conviction from Guinness I would start in January/February 1991 — after the start of the Guinness II trial, my group.

However, it was announced before Christmas last year that the second Guinness trial had been split into two further trials, Guinness II and Guinness III, and that Guinness II would start on March 11, 1991. On further enquiry as to the state of the Guinness I appeals, I was informed that there was no room in the Appeal Court lists until late March — after the start of the new Guinness II trial.

Latterly, it has been reported in *The Observer* that not only has the start of Guinness II been put back to April 15, 1991, but that also the appeals arising from Guinness I will not now be heard until the summer — after the start of the Guinness II trial.

I am aware of the backlog of criminal appeal cases in general, but the appeals of Guinness I seem to have been unfortunately delayed; particularly as, in this same period, time has easily been found to hear the first interlocutory appeal from Guinness II.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK SPENS,
Gould, Frittenden,
Nr Cranbrook, Kent.
March 4.

'Golden bridge' opportunity in Gulf

From Lord Kennet

Sir, President Bush in the Gulf war has explicitly sought to do the opposite of what President Johnson did in Vietnam. Might he not better have modelled himself on President Kennedy?

Kennedy's methods resolved the crisis of Soviet nuclear missiles in Cuba, swiftly, tidily and, in terms of blood and money, cheaply. Determined not to humiliate the Soviet Union, he "built a golden bridge behind his enemy" for him to retreat over. Publicly, he addressed the crisis through the United Nations and international law. That the Soviet nuclear missiles, unlike anything Iraq has ever had, put the territory of the United States itself under threat, perhaps encouraged moderation.

Success with the peace, which Kennedy in his time assured, will now be difficult. What the physical state of Iraq may be, what obligations Mr Bush has incurred to the Gulf ruling families and to Israel, how the United States will fare in its new role of self-commanding mercenary, we wait to see. His country's international record — UN dues still unpaid, jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice still rejected, Panama still a mess after the invasion — will make his "New Order" hard to achieve.

Because Mrs Thatcher contributed steel to Mr Bush's backbone, Mr Major, while withdrawing from many of her more untenable positions at home, was clearly obliged to back Mr Bush. But now the war is won, might Mr Major not perhaps provide him with a "golden bridge" to the world of diplomacy and patience, reminding him of President Kennedy's reputation for wisdom at the time of the Cuba crisis?

"Kicking ass", as Mr Bush so unhappily puts it, is not our national style; nor is it now the style required of the United States.

Yours etc.,
WAYLAND KENNET,
House of Lords.
March 6.

Midland resignation

From Mr Christopher Somek

Sir, In your report (March 6) on the resignation of Sir Kit McMahon you catalogue the errors of the Midland Bank's senior management from 1984 to date, resulting in dire consequences for both staff and shareholders.

Sir Kit, we are informed, set himself two tasks upon his appointment: to make the bank more profitable and to merge with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. He failed on both counts.

His compensation for failure, we are told, could be £700,000 or more. I wonder how many business men think like I do, that the £700,000 could have been better spent supporting some of their smaller business customers, who can only look on at this situation with incredulity.

Finally, should not the rest of the senior management reflect upon their performance and follow Sir Kit's example — without compensation?

Yours faithfully,
C. SOMEK,
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1 Hempstead Road,
Kings Langley, Hertfordshire.
March 6.

From Mr Alec A. Ringel

Sir, If Sir Kit McMahon fails he stands to get £700,000, but if a small business man fails the banks can take his house and all his assets and he and his family are very often left homeless.

Yours faithfully,
A. A. RINGEL,
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Hertfordshire.
March 6.

Education circles

From Mr John Davey

Sir, Shortly after his retirement from Wellington, the late Frank Fisher told me that, during his headship there, he had kept the school up-to-date and even ahead of its time by doing absolutely nothing! He maintained that the continuous rethinking of curriculum and other educational matters had led to a cyclical process whereby every ten years or so ideas and patterns would inevitably repeat themselves.

Our conversation took place in the early 1980s when proposals were being put forward to replace the dual examination system of GCE and CSE with the new single system which was to become GCSE. Now, ten years later, there is talk of a revision which, in effect if not in name, will return us to a dual system of 16-plus examinations.

Your correspondent, Professor Sally Tomlinson (February 26), should not find herself surprised that the present Secretary of State for Education appears to be advocating the U-turn. He is merely following the pattern long-established by his predecessors.

If one wants to know what the phrase "government circles" really means, there is no better illustration than that provided by the policies which have emerged from the DES where a succession of U-turns have produced the full circles in which Britain's educational system has been travelling for the past 40 years.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN DAVEY,
16 Park Crescent, W1.
February 26.

Proper names

From Mr Donald Findlay

Sir, The gradual emergence from wrappings of the handsomely remodelled and enlarged terminus at the north-east corner of the City of London suggests that the time has come to find a suitably dignified name for it. Calling a station after a minor byway, "Liverpool Street", will no longer do.

We might demur at naming a station after our Queen as the Victorians did, but at least two other precedents are available: one is to call it by the name of the nearest principal street, area or landmark (as Euston, Cannon Street, Blackfriars or London Bridge) and the other is to use the name of its parish (as Paddington or St Pancras).

In this instance both combine to suggest "Bishopsgate". At all costs let us be spared the banal neologism "Broadgate".

Yours faithfully,
DONALD FINDLAY,
4 Fournier Street, Spitalfields, E1.

Time the essence

From Mr Terry Lovett

Sir, The point, surely, in your Moscow report about John Major's style (March 4) is not whether the Soviet finance minister would walk down Tverskaya reading a newspaper and eating an ice-cream, but whether he would need to. By the time he had finished queueing for the ice-cream, he would have read the newspaper.

Yours sincerely,
TERRY LOVETT,
Millstone Cottage,
Barrow-upon-Trent, Derbyshire.

Dissension in USSR

From Mr James Forsyth

Sir, The letter from Mr Chibisov of the Soviet Novosti Press Agency (February 25) reads like an officially inspired defamation of Mr Boris Yeltsin. The only specific charges made against Yeltsin are "pride", an "injured ego" and "escapades", but the innuendo is that he has no "concern for the Russian people" or for the "humiliated women who have to wait in queues for hours on end" (was it Yeltsin who created this situation?).

It is cynical to say in Gorbachev's favour that in 1985 he had "even more power than he has now", when any concessions the present General Secretary of the Communist Party has made were forced upon him by the parlous state to which that body itself had brought the country.

Yeltsin, if an *enfant terrible*, cannot be attributed to the "stagnation period" — stock rhetoric for the general secretaryship of L. Brezhnev at the sole centre, the Kremlin, to which your correspondent attributes a Mecca-like status: Yeltsin *is* the *enfant terrible*, the embarrassingly candid critic of the present régime which began with "openness" in public affairs but has now retreated behind the familiar old Soviet façade of hectoring and dubious stratagems — of which Mr Chibisov's letter is an example.

A more convincing view of the Russian people's feelings about their problems is conveyed by the picture in the same issue of *The Times*: for the 150,000 demonstrators gathered in Manezh Square "there is no other" honest leader but Yeltsin, nor is there any better embodiment of the democratic opposition in Russia — the very existence of which has been subject to the threat that Gorbachev may not "show restraint" ever since it dared to become vocal.

Yours faithfully,
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Salisbury Cathedral and its close

From Mr James Thomas

Sir, As the planning consultant who produced the report *Salisbury Cathedral Close, Conservation and Management* (report and leading article, February 27), may I point out that one of its aims was "to make the cathedral and close an enjoyable, dignified and convenient place in which to worship, visit, live and work".

Within the close (one-third of a mile square) there is a thriving community of residents, offices, workshops, museums and schools which must be serviced by fire engines, ambulances and removal vans and which relies heavily on private cars. This community lives and works within a walled and moated enclosure, the only access points to which are narrow and vulnerable medieval archways.

My report concludes that to form a new opening in the medieval Grade I close wall on the southern side would be highly undesirable and that access through the archways should be protected by restricting access to pedestrians. On balance, a new, low-lying road on the southern side of the close, between the close wall and the river, would cause the least damage to the appearance and character of the close and would be a step towards greater safety for pedestrians, particularly for the some 1,000 children who are educated within it.

Traffic access and parking is only one of the many complex issues affecting the close. My report contains 58 separate recommendations, ranging from archaeology to management. To take one aspect in isolation is incautious.

The Dean and Chapter have published the proposals in full and a public meeting has been arranged for March 15. Those interested in the issue, both in the particular case of Salisbury and as an exemplar of the problems facing most English cathedrals, should study the report before making up their minds.

They will find that I am seeking to maintain the ban on coaches anywhere in the close and to provide for them elsewhere, to restore the quality of setting of the viewpoints of the Constable paintings, and to enhance the close so that the spaces-in-between are worthy of the great cathedral and the houses that surround it.

I remain, Sir, your most obedient servant,
JAMES THOMAS,
Rothermel Thomas (Chartered architects and town planners),
4 Cowcross Street, Smithfield, EC1.
March 6.

From Dr Ian Campbell

Sir, Anyone who has visited Italy recently will know that city authorities are turning traffic from their historic centres by a variety of measures. The inconvenience so caused to car-owners is amply compensated by an improved urban environment for all.

Imagine my dismay, therefore, when I read that the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury Cathedral are thinking of driving a new, and, in my opinion, entirely unnecessary access road into the close. It is high time cathedrals and their environs were put beyond the reach of such damaging schemes.

This is the third time in seven years that a deleterious traffic solution has been proffered for Salisbury Close. First a car park in the south close (1984-5), then a new gate in the south close wall (1988-9) and now this new road. Do the canons of Salisbury have a special devotion to St Blaise, patron of motorists, and intend to erect a drive-in chapel in his honour?

Perhaps the solution is for the Dean and Chapter to go to Rome.

Yours faithfully,
IAN CAMPBELL,
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March 1.

From Dr J. R. H. Pinkerton

Sir, Why do the Dean and Chapter want more vehicles in the close? Few tourists come in their motor cars for the parking spaces have been consumed by people who work in the city. The close should live up to its name and be closed to all vehicles except those of the residents and their personal guests.

The schools presently in the close should be encouraged to find new sites outside; and the local authority should provide adequate and convenient parking in the city, allowing visitors easy access to the cathedral as well as the commerce of the city. Peace would then return to the close.

Yours truly,
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1 De Vaux Place,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.
February 27.

From Mrs Reynolds Stone

Sir, Our sympathy should lie with today's deans, obliged to do a job that they were not ordained for — to scrounge money at all costs for their cathedral. My agony is that the tourist problem will win the day at the shocking expense of the south end of the as-yet-unspoilt Salisbury Close, as Constable knew it and who put it on canvas for *posterity*.

Not for us to throw away this priceless inheritance, I cry.

Yours sincerely,
JANET STONE,
8 Harnham Road,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.
February 27.

Vehicle tax discs

From Mr Roger Lascelles

Sir, Many will support the principle of "user pays" and thus favour abolition of the vehicle tax disc and a higher price for petrol — a form of tax no motorist can evade.

One of your correspondents (February 27) is worried that without the disc visible, car owners will display no proof of insurance.

In Italy, insurance companies provide a receipt card which is normally exhibited top centre on the windscreen — behind the rear vision mirror.

In New Zealand, the excellent government-run vehicle testing stations provide a small "portrait" gummed-face "Warrant of Fitness" (in place of the ineptly named "MOT" certificate) carrying large numerals denoting the month of expiry.

Britain's problems are not unique. There are roughly 190 other countries beyond this island, most of which have similar problems of vehicle insurance and fitness. We may need to look no further than a clutch of countries in Europe to get a top-rate solution that solves all the problems.

Yours hopefully,
ROGER LASCELLES,
47 York Road,
Brentford, Middlesex.

From Mr W. G. A. Shaw

Sir, Your editorial on February 21 suggested that the Chancellor should abolish the vehicle excise duty and make up the lost revenue by a supplement of approximately 50p per gallon to fuel tax. But what about usage of petrol for other internal combustion engines which do not use the roads and therefore are not liable for VED? I refer to boat engines, all-terrain vehicles, lawn mowers, chain saws, generators, etc. Should the cost of running these increase also to supplement vehicle excise duty?

I remain, yours faithfully,
W. G. A. SHAW,
30 Georgian Villas,
Hospital Road,
Omagh, Co Tyrone.

Confining the clergy

From the Reverend E. M. T. Underhill

Sir, My diocesan office tells me that the accepted standards for a parsonage house are rising to include "three WCs and a separate shower room". As I go around to look at the new vicarages being built I find that I couldn't swing a cat in the modern study, let alone house my books; nor could I entertain my family with three or four guests in the dining rooms provided.

Can we not halt the wholesale sale of our assets, the beautiful and useful Georgian parsonages, and stop wasting any more of our quota money on small "boxes"?

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD UNDERHILL,
St George's Vicarage,
327 Durham Road,
Gateshead,
Tyne and Wear.
February 28.

Pace-setters on pay

From Mr Bill Connor

Sir, Philip Bassett's report (February 27) quotes an academic analysis of wage deals to try to prove that non-union workers are setting the pace. It is unions in the high tech and service sectors which are setting the pace and workers in such firms which do not negotiate with a trade union reap the benefit of what the union pace-setters are achieving.

In the same report was the news that my union, Usdaw, had obtained a 17.7 per cent increase for our mainly women checkout operators in Tesco.

The fact is that the major advances for low-paid workers in the service sector are the result either of direct wage negotiations or pressure based on fear of being taken to an industrial tribunal for failing to give women equal pay for work of equal value. I know this, as Usdaw has been instrumental in making gains for tens of thousands of shopworkers at Sainsbury's, Marks & Spencer and now Tesco.

Yours etc.,
BILL CONNOR
(Deputy General Secretary),
Union of Shop, Distributive
and Allied Workers,
188 Wilmslow Road,
Fallowfield, Manchester.
February 27.

Biting the hand . . .

From Mr Peter Clark

Sir, Spark! Myth! Fable! Diamond! Kelpie! Phoenix! Pharos! From which well of inspiration does the Queen draw the names of her corgis?

Yours faithfully,
PETER CLARK,
20a Brownlow Road, N3.
March 6.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 6: His Excellency Monsieur Nkema Liloo was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Zaire to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy: Monsieur Iwula Nsangolo (First Counsellor), Madame Luanghy Mangaza (First Counsellor), Monsieur Mossimi Mbingon (First Counsellor), Madame Nyakeru Njuma (First Secretary), Monsieur Nzangbe Didingo (Administrative Attaché), Madame Fulakio Biiombi (Attaché [Technical]), and Monsieur Mudingay Kayoka (Attaché [Coffee and Cocoa Affairs]).

Madame Nkema was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir Patrick Wright (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Mr Brian Barder was received by The Queen upon his appointment as British High Commissioner to the Commonwealth of Australia.

Mrs Barder was also received by Her Majesty.

Mr Keith Haskell (Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Lima) was received by The Queen.

Mrs Haskell was also received by Her Majesty.

The Queen, Freeman, this evening attended a reception at Drapers Hall, London EC2, and was received by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor (Sir Alexander Graham) and Mr J. G. Stitt (Master, Drapers' Company).

The Duchess of Grafton, Mr Robin Janvrin and Wing Commander David Walker were in attendance.

The Duchess of York presented the Peaudouce Childminder of the Year Award at the Crystal Room, Mayfair Hotel, Stratton Street, London W1.

Mrs John Floyd was in attendance.

The Princess Royal today visited Peterborough and was received by Mr John Horrell (Deputy Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire). Her Royal Highness, Patron of SENSE, the National Deaf-Blind and Rubella Association, opened two Group Homes for SENSE at Newton Court, Paston Ridings and visited the Association's Shop. Afterwards The Princess, President, Save the Children Fund, visited Orton Family Resource Centre.

This afternoon Her Royal Highness, President, Rural Housing Trust, attended a Conference at Putteridge Bury Conference Centre and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Hertfordshire (Mr Simon Bowes Lyon).

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 6: The Prince of Wales, President, Royal Naval Film Corporation, chaired the 1991 Annual General Meeting at Kensington Palace, W8.

His Royal Highness, Patron, South Atlantic Fund, received the Second Sea Lord (Admiral Sir Brian Brown) at Kensington Palace.

The Prince of Wales, Patron, Theatrum Gedanense, received Dr Jerzy Limon at St James's Palace.

His Royal Highness, President, The Prince's Trust, gave a dinner for supporters of the Trust at Kensington Palace.

The Princess of Wales visited the Royal Hospital & Home, Putney, a Hospital for the rehabilitation of severe disability, West Hill, SW15.

Mr Patrick Jephson was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 6: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning opened A. P. Racing's new factory, Seven Stars Industrial Estate, Coventry and visited the Regional Office of the Department of Trade and Industry, Paradise Circus, Birmingham.

His Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the West Midlands (The Rt Hon The Earl of Aylesford).

The Duke of Kent later attended a Civic Luncheon in the Council House, Birmingham, and this afternoon opened the Accident and Emergency Control Complex at the West Midlands Metropolitan Ambulance Service Headquarters, The Minories, Dudley.

Commander Roger Walker, RN was in attendance.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.M.G. Bullard
and Miss V.I. Emrys-Roberts
The engagement is announced between Christopher, youngest son of Sir Giles Bullard, KCVO, of The Manor House, West Hendred, Oxfordshire, and of the late Mrs Hilary Bullard, and Veronica, second daughter of Dr and Mrs Meyrick Emrys-Roberts, of The Old Post Cottage, Motcombe, Dorset.

Mr J.A.L. Carswell
and Miss S.B. Passmore
The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mrs Jean Carswell and the late Mr Edward Carswell, of Richmond, Surrey, and Stella, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Passmore, of Maidstone, Kent.

Mr L.C. Corona
and Miss C.A. Hulse
The engagement is announced between Luca, son of Signor and Signora Giuseppe Corona, of 17 Via Mozart, Milan, and Camilla, daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Hulse, of Breamore House, near Fordingbridge, Hampshire.

Mr N.S. Garnham
and Miss G.M. Shaw
The engagement is announced between Neil, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Garnham, of Ipswich, and Gillian Mary, eldest daughter of Mrs Jean Shaw, of Holbrook, Suffolk, and the late Mr Raymond Shaw.

Mr I.S. Gillespie
and Signorina M.L. Mapelli Mozzi
The engagement is announced between Ian, younger son of Mr and Mrs H.F.A. Gillespie, of Repton, Derby, and Maria Lia, younger daughter of the late Signor Guiseppe Mapelli Mozzi and of Signora Christina Mapelli Mozzi Bagatti Valsecchi, of Milan.

Mr R.A.R. Hayes
and Miss S.M.R. Swiny
The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of Commander and Mrs Murray Hayes, of Tealby, Lincolnshire, and Suzette, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Sean Swiny, of Kensington.

Mr A.M. Hudson
and Miss C.J. Roberts
The engagement is announced between Maxwell, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Hudson, of Folly Hill, Haslemere, Surrey, and Cordelia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Nigel Roberts, of Copse House, Haslemere, Surrey.

Mr C.R. Hunter
and Miss K.A. Pilcher
The engagement is announced between Charles Rupert, younger son of the late Brigadier Michael Hunter and of Mrs Michael Hunter, of Hurlingham, London, and Katharine Alexandra, twin daughter of Mr Jeremy Pilcher, of Seymour Walk, London, and Mrs Ewan Hilleary, of Horningsham, Wiltshire.

Dr S.J. Kerr
and Miss D.M. Carr
The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Dr and Mrs Duncan Kerr, of Marton, Middlesbrough, and Deborah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Carr, of Caerphilly, Mid Glamorgan.

Mr J.D. Lousada
and Miss C.D. Gutfreund
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs P.A. Lousada, of Bow Brickhill, Buckinghamshire, and Caroline, daughter of Mr R. Gutfreund, of Didsbury, Manchester, and Mrs M. Jevon, of Lower Withington, Cheshire.

Mr L.P. McDonnell
and Miss S.A. Clifton
The engagement is announced between Lawrence Paul, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John McDonnell, of Sutherland Row, Pimlico, SW1, and Stephanie Ann, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Clifton, of Priory Lands, Appledore, Kent.

Mr G.A. O'Leary
and Miss C. Norris
The engagement is announced between Garret, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Robert O'Leary, of Princeton, New Jersey, and Cresta, daughter of Major and Mrs Noel Norris, of Crowham Manor Farm, Westfield, Hastings.

Mr E.M. Rasiel
and Miss E.B. Carne
The engagement is announced between Ethan, younger son of Mr and Mrs Amram Rasiel, of Marblehead, Massachusetts, and Emma, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Stuart Carne, of London.

Mr T.D. Stewart
and Miss A.C. Read
The engagement is announced between Thomas, only son of the late Mr Peter Stewart and of Mrs Stewart, of Andorra, and Annie, elder daughter of Captain Jeremy Read, RN, and the late Mrs Read, of Wickham, Hampshire.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Thomas H. Drysdale to be Deputy Keeper of the Her Majesty's Signet, in succession to Mr Peter C. Millar, who will retire on March 31.

Mr Eric Sanderson, Chief Executive of the British Linen Bank, to be a non-executive member of the British Railways Board.

Mr Christopher Chataway to be Chairman of the Alcohol Education and Research Council, in succession to Viscount Colville of Culross.

Miss Barbara Sheldon, deputy headmistress of King Edward VI Handsworth School, Birmingham, to be Headmistress of the Abbey School, Reading, from September.

Lecture

Royal Society
Mr J.R.S. Morris delivered the Hartley lecture, sponsored by the Royal Society, the Institution of Chemical Engineers and the Institute of Measurement and Control, at 6 Carlton House Terrace yesterday. Sir Michael Atiyah, president of the society, presided and was host at a dinner held afterwards in honour of Mr Morris.

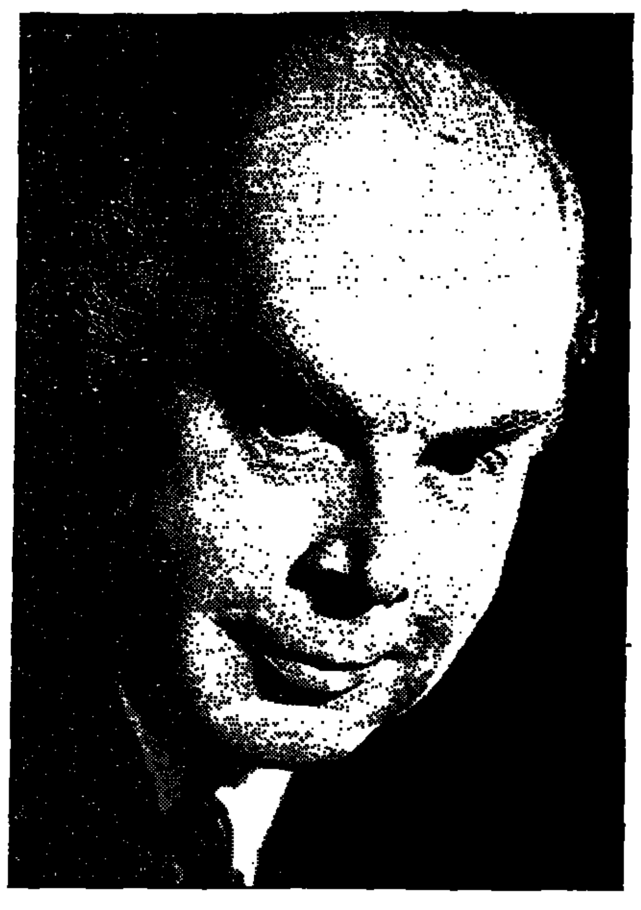
Museum tale

The illustrated letter which became *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, by Beatrix Potter, is to go on loan to the Victoria and Albert Museum. It has been bought by Pearson, the publishers, from a hospice in Exeter, for £82,500.

OBITUARIES

SIR BRIAN BATSFORD

Sir Brian Batsford, painter, chairman of Batsford Books from 1952 to 1974 and Conservative MP for Ealing South from 1958 to 1974, died on March 5 aged 80. He was born Brian Cook on December 18, 1910.



SIR Brian Batsford inhabited diverse worlds in a life which saw him as illustrator, opposition whip in Parliament and chairman of a well-known publishing firm. But it was undoubtedly as Brian Cook, the painter, who provided the eye-catching covers for Batsford's British Heritage series in the 1930s, that he made his most distinctive contribution to his times. And in spite of his other achievements he was content to list himself in *Who's Who* as, simply, "painter".

The son of Arthur Caldwell Cook, he was educated at Repton and joined the production department of B. T. Batsford in 1928. He was a nephew of Harry Batsford, himself of the third generation of proprietors, the first, Bradley Batsford, having founded the business in 1843. Brian Cook began work in the production department but was allowed to take part-time classes at the Central School of Arts and Crafts. His artistic talents were to provide one of the planks of Batsford's salvation in the crisis which struck publishing in the Depression years. Asked to produce a book jacket for *The Villages of England*, he came up with a wrap-round design, a novel feature at that time. His use of flat, bright colours, which, while verging on the garish, had an instantly evocative quality, imparted a striking visual effect to the new series. The design also had the virtue of being printable on rough paper, a perhaps incidental element that was soon to prove a valuable asset.

The crash of 1929 compelled Batsford, along with many other publishers, to reduce its outlay on authors and illustrators, and Brian Cook was designated sole illustrator of a new small format series called British Heritage. In the period before the war he designed over 100 such covers for titles which ranged over such subjects as *English Woodland, The Heart of Scotland, English Villages and Hamlets* and *The English Country House* and his distinctive Art Deco style became an important influence on how people viewed their rural heritage in an era before colour photography. An accompanying series, The Face of Britain, covered the country geographically and ran on after the war until 1950. The name Brian Cook can also been seen on railway, holiday and travel agency posters of the period and he exhibited in Paris.

Brian Cook's contribution to the visual content of Batsford books ceased when war came. In 1941 he joined the RAF and served in Bomber Command intelligence. After he came out he took the surname Batsford (his mother's maiden name) at his uncle Harry's request in 1946. Thereafter he was much more involved in the affairs of the firm of which he became chairman after his uncle's death in 1952. From then on Brian Cook the painter was well nigh forgotten by the public who perceived only the busy persona of Brian Batsford the publisher and man of affairs.

Politics also interested him. After an unsuccessful tilt at Parliament in a by-election at Chelmsford as a National Government candidate in 1945, he got in as a Conservative for South Ealing at a by-election in April 1958. From 1959 to 1960 he was PPS to the minister of works, and from 1962 to 1964 he was an assistant government whip. But though as a whip he was noted for the quiet persuasiveness of his methods it was through the exercise of his original arts that he made his greatest impact on the House, when he designed the Commons Christmas card in 1962. Depicting a winter scene in Parliament Square, the card sold 100,000 that Christmas.

When the Conservatives went out of office in 1964 Batsford became opposition deputy chief whip, a job he did until 1967. In 1967 he was appointed Conservative parliamentary representative on the Greater London Council, then a new appointment designed to establish cooperation between the party in parliament and the then Conservative-dominated GLC. From 1973 to 1975 he was also chairman of the Royal Society of Arts. In 1974 he retired from parliament and was knighted. He also stood down as chairman of Batsford though he remained president until 1977.

He had continued to paint, but in the 1980s his work gained a new impetus, with two of his paintings being included in an Arts Council exhibition, *Landscape in Britain 1850-1950*, at the Hayward Gallery in 1983. He was suddenly in demand for a range of commercial work ranging from biscuit tin lids for Harrods to Christmas catalogue covers for the National Trust. In 1987 he published the collection *The Britain of Brian Cook* and had a restrospective at the Michael Parkin Gallery.

He was a familiar figure in the beautiful Sussex village of Rye in which he lived until recently at Lamb House, where Henry James had written some of his novels, where E. F. Benson, of Mapp and Lucia fame, had been a tenant, and where his brother, A. C. Benson, had written the words of "Land of hope and Glory". For five years from 1978 he was chairman of Rye Conservation Society and had continued as its president.

He leaves his widow, Wendy, and two daughters.

AIR MARSHAL SIR LESLIE BOWER

Air Marshal Sir Leslie William Clement Bower, KCB, CB, DSO, DFC, who led the bombing raids on St Nazaire during the battle of the Atlantic and later flew daylight missions against V-1 bases on the continent, died on February 17 aged 81. He was born on July 11, 1909.

LESLIE Bower always complained that he was in Malta during the Battle of Britain and in Britain during the battle for Malta. None the less he was in constant action throughout the second world war and was twice decorated and twice mentioned in dispatches. He narrowly escaped with his life on one daylight sortie in February 1944 when his Mosquito was hit by ground fire over France while he was attacking a V-1 flying bomb launch site. He carried on to destroy his target but was pounded again by the German guns on the return flight and limped over the white cliffs of Dover with one of his two Merlin engines out of action and on fire. A fuel tank exploded, enveloping the crippled plane in flames, as Bower managed a crash landing on the runway. Knocked unconscious by the impact, he was dragged clear of the inferno by a colleague. The skill, courage and determination he had shown was later quoted by the RAF in the citation for his Distinguished Flying Cross, awarded later that year.

Leslie Bower rose after the war to become air officer commanding 19 Coastal Command group in 1959. He was then promoted air marshal in 1962 and moved to Ankara as Britain's representative on the military committee of the now defunct Central Treaty Organisation. He retired from the service in 1965. A modest man, he spoke little about his exploits in the war.

Born in Ballincolig, County Cork, but educated at Harvey Grammar School in Folkestone, Bower was in the Middle East and Malta when the war started but returned to this country in 1941 to lead 217 Beaufort squadron, then based in Cornwall. The squadron was assigned to a series of missions against enemy warships in the Atlantic and against the ports now open to them in the Bay of Biscay. None represented a greater threat to allied shipping than the bustling harbours and docks of St Nazaire on the north bank of the Loire. Not only had the Germans constructed a growing clutch of U-boat pens but there was a clear need to deny its sanctuary to surface raiders like, in 1942, the Gneisenau and the Scharnhorst. Bower personally led the Beauforts in the countless raids on St Nazaire which led up to the amphibious attack on the port in March 1942.

In May that year he went to Ottawa to become director of operational training with the Royal Canadian Air Force. From the end of 1943 he commanded 138 Mosquito wing which moved in November 1944 to France and remained there until the end of hostilities. He frequently flew with his crews on low level daylight attacks on V-1 "doodle-bug" sites and other special targets. He won the DSO in 1945.

After the war he became deputy director of personal services at the Air Ministry, responsible for careers and disciplinary matters, and in 1947 went on a course at the United States Air Force War College. In 1950 he was at Fighter Command headquarters and in 1952 became air officer commanding 81 (Fighter) Group. He was senior air staff officer at Fighter Command 1954-57, then deputy commander-in-chief Middle East Air Force before going to command 19 Group in 1959-61.

His first wife Clare died in 1971 and he is survived by his second wife Patricia whom he married in 1979.

LORD REDESDALE

Lord Redesdale, 5th baron, director of corporate communications in Europe, the Middle East and Africa for the Chase Manhattan Bank in London, died on March 3 after a short illness aged 58. He was born on October 28, 1932.

A MEMBER of the Mitford family, and himself a colourful personality, Lord Redesdale spent most of his career in communications, specialising in advertising and public relations. In 1977 he combined both skills when he joined Chase, first as a consultant and subsequently, at the request of the bank, as a full-time employee. Over the next 14 years he was to become one of the city's well-known figures.

During his time with Chase, he became a close friend of David Rockefeller, former Chase chairman and presently chairman of its international advisory committee. Regularly accompanying Mr Rockefeller during his visits to Europe as well as to meetings of the International Monetary Fund, he also became one of the better recognised faces on the world financial scene.

The son of E. R. B. O. Mitford, fifth son of the 1st baron, he was first cousin to the Mitford sisters, the daughters of the 2nd baron. Clem Mitford inherited the title from his uncle in 1963.

Clement Napier Bertram Mitford was born in Kirriemuir, Scotland, and educated at Eton. He was commissioned into the Black Watch in 1951 and served with the 4th Uganda Battalion of the King's African Rifles in Kenya and Uganda and with the 3rd Battalion in Malaya.

In 1953 he began his career in advertising by joining Colin Turner (London) Ltd. In 1955 he moved to Erwin Wasey (Advertising) where he stayed for the next nine years, the last four as an associate director. Between 1970 and 1977, Lord Redesdale served as chairman of Mitford's Advertising Ltd, a company he helped to found and which was to become a pioneer in the use of advertising in takeover battles. As a result, Mitford's became one of the most successful London agencies specialising in financial advertising at that time. Clients of the agency included Redland, Allied Breweries, Slater-Walker and Tate & Lyle.

A Conservative, Lord Redesdale was an opposition whip between 1976 and 1979, serving under Lord Carrington, then leader of the Conservative opposition in the House of Lords.

Apart from his professional career and his parliamentary activities, he held various other posts. Between 1960 and 1964 he was president of the Guild of Cleaners and Launderers. In 1968 he became chairman of the National Council of the Royal Society of St George, and between 1975 and 1979 served as the society's president. He also became a governor of the Yehudi Menuhin School in 1973.

After meeting Colonel John Blashford-Snell, Lord Redesdale became closely associated with Operation Raleigh's fund raising activities, serving as one of its honorary vice presidents. He helped organise, and participated along with 30 other "guinea pigs" in a test of the trials that would later be used to select Operation Raleigh participants. The trials, which took place over two days at Sherborne Castle in very cold weather one November, included traversing the castle lake on makeshift rafts and sleeping under the stars in damp conditions. The average age of the other participants was the middle twenties while his was then 51.

In addition to his work with Operation Raleigh, other charities in which he was involved included the Samaritans and its worldwide organisation, Befrienders International, of which he was one of two joint patrons. He was a patron of The Suzy Lamplugh Trust and patron of the National Foster Care Association.

Lord Redesdale was a man of outgoing character, who was nevertheless supportive of any colleague who needed his advice and generous of his time with others. Possessed of a great sense of humour he was in his element at social functions where he was always very visible.

Lord Redesdale is survived by his wife Sarah, his son and heir, Rupert, and five daughters, Emma, Tessa, Victoria-Louise, Henrietta and Georgina.

KENNETH LINDSAY

J. B. writes:

IN YOUR warm and sympathetic obituary of Kenneth Lindsay you do not mention his long and close connection with Israel. In political and economic planning he had worked with Israel Sieff, the friend of President Weizmann and pioneer British Zionist. This collaboration brought Kenneth Lindsay into the Anglo-Israel Association, of which he was the very effective director from 1962 to 1973 and in which he continued to play an active part for many years. In tribute to him the association founded the Kenneth Lindsay Scholarships.

These scholarships have brought to this country year by year a number of Israeli scholars who have lectured on developments in their own country or taken part in cooperative research projects on political and scientific subjects. Kenneth himself took a keen interest in these contributions to friendship and understanding between our two countries. He was always a man who believed that ideas should bear fruit and action.

Birthdays today

Mr David Arbuthnot, racehorse trainer, 38; Sir Robert Atkinson, former chairman, British Shipbuilders, 75; Mr William Boyd, author, 39; Mr W.A. Bromley-Davenport, Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire, 56; Viscount Chelmsford, 60; Mr G.A. Cooke, former chairman, C.T. Bowring, 68; Sir Kenneth Green, director, Manchester Polytechnic, 57; Mr J.O. Hambro, former president, Hambros, 72.

Mr Justice Hidden, 55; Mr R.F. Humm, former managing director, Ford Motor Company, 54; Sir Anthony Lambert, diplomat, 80; Sir John Latey, former High Court judge, 77; Mr Ivan Lendl, tennis player, 31; Lord Oliver of Aylmerton, 70; Mr Michael Oliver, racehorse trainer, 41; Sir Eduardo Paolozzi, sculptor, 67; Dame Beryl Paston Brown, former principal, Homerton College, Cambridge, 82; Professor Sir David Phillips, molecular biophysicist, 67; Mr Piers Paul Read, author, 50; Mr Viv Richards, cricketer, 39; the Earl of Snowdon, 61; Mr Martin Tickner, theatrical producer, 50; Sir Ranulph Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes, explorer, 47; Mr Richard Vernon, actor, 66; Dame Margaret Weston, former director, the Science Museum, 65.

Wallop School, Weybridge

The Board of Wallop School are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr David Parry currently Under Master of Chigwell Junior School, as Headmaster from September 1, 1991. He succeeds Mr N.D. Coates who was recently appointed Headmaster of The Hall School, Hampstead.

Dinners

Speaker
The Speaker gave a dinner yesterday evening in Speaker's House in honour of a parliamentary delegation from Czechoslovakia led by Mrs Eva Sahligerova. The Ambassador of Czechoslovakia was present. The other guests were:
Mr Stuart Bell, MP, Miss Betty Boothroyd, MP, Dr Michael Clark, MP, Mr John Cummings, MP, Mr Nigel Forman, MP, Mr Douglas Henderson, MP, Dr John Marek, MP, Mr Tony Marlow, MP, Mr Norman Miscampbell, QC, MP, Mr William Powell, MP, Mr Giles Radice, MP, Mr Gary Waller, MP, Mr Alan Brooke Turner, Professor George Cushing, Mr Christopher Durrance, Canon Donald Gray, Sir Gilbert Longden, Mrs Carin Pinloit, Mr David Ramsay and Mr Peter Kilcatt.

University College London
The Lord Chancellor delivered the inaugural Mishcon Lecture yesterday evening at University College London and was the guest of honour at a dinner held afterwards by Dr Derek Roberts, Provost. Among those present were:
Lord and Lady Mishcon, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Wilberforce, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Baroness Blackstone, Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, Lord Renton, QC, Lord Meston, the Hon Peter and Mrs Mishcon, the Hon Russell Mishcon, Sir Robin Ibbs and Mr and the Hon Mrs Edward Landau.

Timber Trade Association
Mr John Banham, Director General of the CBI, was the guest speaker at the annual dinner of the Timber Trade Federation held last night at Grosvenor House. Mr Terence Mallinson, president, presided. The Brazilian, Indonesian and Swedish Ambassadors, the Ambassador of the Philippines and the Deputy High Commissioner for Malaysia were among the other guests.

Medical Society of London
Lord Goodman, CH, was the principal guest and speaker at the annual dinner of the Medical Society of London held last night at Apothecaries' Hall. Mr R.P. Rosswick, president, presided.

Society of Chemical Industry
Professor Sir Geoffrey Allen, President of the Society of Chemical Industry, presented the centenary medal to Herr Hermann Strenger at the award dinner held last night at the Hotel Inter-Continental. Among the guests were:
Lord and Lady Kearton, Sir Peter and Lady Walters, Mr and Mrs Robert Malpas, Mr Hugo Lever, Mr John Cox, Dr Jack Gow, Mr Howard Evans and Mr Colin Wainwright.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Joseph Niepce, pioneer of photography, Châlon-sur-Saône, 1765; Alessandro Manzoni, poet and novelist, Milan, 1785; Sir John Herschel, astronomer, Slough, Buckinghamshire, 1792; Sir Edwin Landseer, painter, London, 1802; Thomás Masaryk, first president of Czechoslovakia, 1918-35, Hodonin, 1850; Piet Mondrian, painter, Amersfoort, Netherlands, 1872; Maurice Ravel, composer, Ciboure, France, 1875.

DEATHS: Saint Thomas Aquinas, Dominican theologian, Fossanova, Italy, 1274; Jean-Pierre Blanchard, balloonist, Paris, 1809; Cuthbert Collingwood, admiral, at sea, 1810; John Richard Green, historian, Mentone, 1883; Aristide Briand, 11 times premier of France, Nobel Peace laureate 1926, Paris, 1932; Percy Wyndham Lewis, writer and artist, founder of Vorticism, London, 1957; Stevie Smith, poet, London, 1971.

Colonel John Denham

A memorial service for Colonel John Denham will be held in The Guards Chapel on Thursday, March 14, at noon. Parking will be available at Wellington Barracks.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will visit the Launer handbag factory in Hackney at 3.00.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of Turning Point, will visit Broadmoor at 11.00.

The Princess Royal will attend the regional police dog trials at the Duke of Gloucester Barracks, South Cerney, Gloucestershire, at 10.30; and, as President of the Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers, will attend the association's conference at the Abbey Hotel, Malvern, at 3.05.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of Plan International (UK), will visit its new offices at 5-6 Underhill Street, NW1, at 11.00; and attend a concert at the music department of City University, Northampton Square, at 6.40 to mark the reopening.

Princess Alexandra will attend a preview of the exhibition "Ruskin and the Alps" arranged by Lancaster University at the Fine Art Society Galleries, 148 New Bond Street, at 6.50.

Reception

Prime Minister
On behalf of the Prime Minister, the Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a reception held yesterday evening at 10 Downing Street in honour of overseas delegates to the 40th parliamentary seminar 1991 of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

University news

London
Professor Graham Zellick, acting principal, has been appointed Principal of Queen Mary and Westfield College, with immediate effect.

Memorial services

Sir Frank Figgures
A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir Frank Figgures was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Simon Godfrey officiated. Mr Peter Storrs read from *The Prophet* by Kahlil Gibran. Mr Stewart Edwards and Lord Roll of Ipsden gave addresses. Among those present were:

Lady Figgures (widow), Squadron Leader and Mrs John Figgures (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs Kate Mann (daughter), Mrs O Hodson (sister), Miss Diana Fraser, Mrs J Halcrow, Miss E Hodson.

Lady Roll of Ipsden, Lord O'Brien of Lothbury, Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, Mr Aubrey Jones, Sir Alec Cairncross, Sir Max Brown, Sir John and Lady Coulson, Sir John Anson, Sir Alan Neale, Sir Kenneth Lewis, Sir Geoffrey Wilson, Sir Ronald McIntosh, Sir Harold Beeley, Sir Edmund Compton, Sir Kenneth Couzens, Sir Jack Rampton, Sir Stuart Milner-Barry, Sir Hugh Overton, Sir Alan Bailey, Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, Sir Archibald Ross, Sir Peter Middleton (HM Treasury), Sir Paul Osmond, Lady (Richard) Clarke, Sir Richard Beaumont, Mr Roger and Dame Mary Hedley-Miller.

Dr Walter Eltis (director general, NEDO) with Mr Martin Couchman (secretary); Miss Sylvia Baverstock (representing the secretary-general, EFTA, Geneva), Mr Jonathan Charkham (Bank of England and Node) with Mr David Walton; Mr Jacob Zgraggen (Julius Baer Bank), Mr J M Bridgeman (chairman and first commissioner, Building Societies Commission), Mr Andrew Tuckey (Baring Brothers), Mr E G Whybrew (Department of Employment), Mr Kenneth Cooper (British Library), Mr R A M Forrest (secretary, Reform Club), Mr David Pickup (director-general, Sports Council).

Mr and Mrs R E Close, Mrs Stewart Edwards, the Headmaster of Uppingham School and Mrs Bomford, Mr William Hughes, Mr and Mrs John Gammell, Miss Jane Lidderdale, Mr Alexander Elkin, Mr William Knighton, Mr and Mrs Alan Campbell-Johnson, Mr and Mrs Sidney Golt, Mr John Taylor, Mr Maurice Ashley, Mr Peter Gerosa, and Mr Rodney Brooke.

Lady Wheeler
A memorial service for Lady Wheeler was held yesterday at Brompton Oratory. Father Wilfrid Tighe officiated and Vice-Admiral Sir John Roxburgh read the lesson. Miss Margot Eates and Mr Jack Hanbury-Tenison gave addresses.

Luncheons

Victory (Services) Association
The Lord Mayor of London, accompanied Mr Alderman and Sheriff Walford, was the guest of honour at a luncheon of the Victory (Services) Association held yesterday at 63/79 Seymour Street. Air Marshal Sir Frederick Sowrey, president, presided. Among others present were:
Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Buchanan, Lieutenant-General Sir David Ramsbotham, Air Marshal Sir Ian Pedder, Air Marshal Sir Charles Ness, Sir John Rein, Mr Harry Lewis and Dame Vera Lynn, Rear-Admiral C A W Weston, Rear-Admiral D M Dow, Major-General L W A Gingell, Major-General R S N Mans, Major-General P D Stone, Air Vice-Marshal R M Austin, Air Commodore J Metcalfe, Air Commodore Ruth Montague, Colonel R R St J Barkshire, Colonel D E A Tucker, Commandant M I Talbot, Dr Michael Fopp, Mr J Kemp-Welch, and Miss June Tracy.

Canada-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce
Mr W.W. Stinson was the guest of honour at a luncheon given by the Canada-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce yesterday at Ironmongers' Hall. Mr Alastair Vartan, president, presided. The Canadian High Commissioner attended.

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
Mr Ivan Lawrence, QC, MP, Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee of the UK branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, and Mr Donald Anderson, MP, joint honorary treasurer, were hosts at a luncheon given by the executive committee of the branch yesterday in the House of Commons in honour of Commonwealth Parliamentarians attending the 1991 Parliamentary Seminar at Westminster.

I am the good shepherd. As the Father knows me and I know the Father. In the same way I know my sheep and they know me. And I am willing to die for them.
St. John 10 : 10 G.N.B

BIRTHS

BARLOW - On February 28th, to Janet (née Hughes) and Ian a daughter, Sophie Marie.

CASEY - On March 5th, to Anne and Patrick, a daughter, Alexandra at 8lbs 4ozs, sincere thanks to all staff at QE Hospital, Birmingham.

CORETH - On March 1st, to Seonaid (née Goodbody) and Mark, a daughter, Susan Sophia.

DUNCAN - On February 12th, to Vivienne (née Salisbury) and George, a son, Henry Edward George.

DUTT - On February 24th, at The Whittington Hospital, London, to Pauline (née Chapman) and Trevor, a son, Alexander Philip.

GARDINER - On February 27th, to Belinda (née Pickard) and John, the gift of a son, Alistair John, a brother for Hannah.

LIDDLE - On March 3rd, to Caroline (née Montgomery) and Nick, a daughter, Harriet Susan.

MALMGREN - On February 25th, in Sweden, to Virginia (née Walden) and Mikael, a daughter Madeleine Victoria.

MEAD - On March 2nd, to Fiona (née Austin) and David, a daughter, Georgina.

MOCATTA - On March 4th, to Stephanie (née King) and Charles, a son, Simon Benjamin Carne.

PHILLIPS - On March 3rd, at Kettering, Northants., to Cyndy (née Hoogervorst) and Aidan, a beautiful daughter, Storm Johanna Mary.

ROSS-SKINNER - On March 4th, to Serena (née Carroll) and Sambrooke, a son, William.

SECKIN - On February 17th, to Lucilla (née Melling) and Ayhan, a daughter, Rosie Yildiz Clementine, a sister for Natalie and Camilla.

STUART - On March 5th 1991, at High Wycombe, Bucks., to Joy (née Liscombe) and John Neville, a son, William Edward, a brother for James.

THOMPSON-ASHBY - On March 5th, to Anne (née Cordwent) and John, a daughter, Flora Lucy Sagar, a sister for Henry.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

CLARIDGE:CATCHPOLE - On 7th March 1941, Geoffrey and Joan at Frant. (Now at Dormans Park.) Despite the doomsters and gloomsters.

DEATHS

BALFOUR - On March 2nd, peacefully in Lymington, Amy Katharine (née Gauntlett), aged 92. Widow of Tom P. Balfour, beloved sister of Eleanor. Funeral at St Thomas', Lymington, Friday March 15th, 11.30 am. Flowers or donations to Marie Curie Cancer Care may be sent to Diamond & Son, Lymington, SO41 9DN.

BARNETT - On March 5th, R.A. (Dick), beloved husband of Anne, dear father of Christopher, grandfather of Peter, Susannah and Marcus, stepfather of the late John Andrews, Dick Grandpa to Jo. No letters please, donations if desired to The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund.

BATSFORD - On March 5th 1991, peacefully at his home in Winchelsea, in his 81st year, after a long illness bravely borne without complaint, Sir Brian Caldwell Cook. Beloved husband of Wendy and father of Georgina and Sophie. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Rye, at 2.30 pm on Tuesday March 12th 1991. No flowers please, but donations may be sent to the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association Hastings VSS, CHSA House, White Cross Street, London EC1Y 8JJ. A Memorial Service in London to be announced later.

CASSELL - On March 5th, Sydney, much loved husband of Dorothy and father of David. Funeral Service at Witton, Birmingham, on Thursday March 7th 3pm and prayers Thursday and Sunday 7pm. No flowers.

COLEMAN - On March 3rd, peacefully, Ursula, wife of the late Robert Coleman, stepmother of Angela, Trevor and Heather and daughter of the late Bertram Priestman R.A. Service to be held at The Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, on Friday March 8th 1991 at 4 pm.

CALDWELL - On March 6th, in Perth, W Australia, after a short illness, Freddie (F.A.S.) aged 80, beloved brother, father and grandfather.

COUZENS - On March 3rd 1991, peacefully in hospital at Bradford-on-Avon, Albert Harry (Toby), O.B.E., in his 89th year. Funeral Service at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath, on Wednesday March 13th at 2 pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, for the Parkinson's Disease Society c/o C.S. Bowyer Ltd., 5 Church Street, Bradford-on-Avon.

DE BARR - On March 6th, peacefully at his house, 82 Roewood Lane, Macclesfield, Cheshire, Albert Edward De Barr O.B.E., dearly loved husband of Marjorie De Barr, loving father to Anthony, Christine and Paul and a devoted grandpa. Funeral Service at Macclesfield Crematorium on Monday March 11th at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for The Imperial Cancer Research Fund with further enquiries to J.T. Wadsworth & Son, 9/11 Beech Lane, Macclesfield, tel: (0625) 422307.

HARDMAN - On March 6th 1991, Sir Fred, M.B.E., aged 76, at home, The Old Bake House, The Wharfage, Ironbridge, Shropshire. A much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service, St Luke's Church, Ironbridge, on Wednesday March 13th 1991 at 12.30, followed by cremation at Emstrey, Shrewsbury. Family flowers only, but donations to the R.S.P.C.A. would be appreciated c/o The C.J. Williams Funeral Service, Argyll House, Dawley Bank, Telford, Shropshire, tel: (0952) 505835.

KINDERSLEY - On March 6th Hugh Francis, of Ramhurst Manor, Tonbridge, Kent. Adored father of Rosanna. Private family funeral on Monday March 11th. Service of Thanksgiving for his many friends on Monday March 25th at Chelsea Old Church at 3 pm.

LAMB - On March 6th, peacefully in hospital with his family, John Bruce, Lt. Commander D.S.C. RN (Rtd), much loved husband of Christian and father of Felicity, Simon and Martin and loving grandfather. Funeral Service at St Sampson's, Golant, at 12 noon Saturday March 9th. Family flowers only, donations to selected charities. Enquiries to K. Newcombe, St Austell, tel: (0726) 75869.

MASINA - On March 4th 1991, after a long illness, Francis Masina F.R.C.S., much loved husband of Edie and brother of Meheru. Funeral at St Andrew's Church, Linton Road, Oxford, on Wednesday March 13th at 12 noon, followed by cremation. Family flowers only. If desired donations to the Leysian Mission, 49 City Road, London EC1Y 1AU.

MAWSON - On March 1st 1991, peacefully in hospital, Lucy Mawson, aged 81 years, of Putney. Formerly employed by W.S. Cutler, Stockbrokers of London. Funeral Service Monday March 11th at 11 am at The Oratory Brompton, London SW7, followed by cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium at 12.30 pm. Donations to Help the Aged or flowers to Frederick W. Paine, 26 Crown Lane, Morden, Surrey SM4 5BL, tel: (081) 542-1214.

McMILLAN - On March 2nd, in Birmingham after an illness bravely borne, Jim, Consultant Neuro Surgeon, beloved husband of Val and father of Robert, James and Sarah.

MORTIMER - On March 5th, Emily Ada, aged 89, peacefully in hospital. Dearly loved widow of the late Sidney Mortimer and formerly of Albert Sears and sister of Edward, Leonard, Beatrice and Wilfred. Funeral on Friday March 15th at 3.15 pm at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Northdown, Cliftonville, Margate, followed by cremation at Thanet Crematorium. Flowers to H. Noble, 1 Northdown Road, St Peters, Broadstairs.

MURRAY - On Monday March 4th, at Brecon Hospital, Josephine Mary, O.B.E., of Penpont, Brecon, in her 103rd year. Widow of John Penry Murray J.P., D.L., daughter of the late Dr. Charles Hooker of Cirencester and granddaughter of Sir Joseph Hooker O.M. of Kew, much loved aunt, great-aunt and great-great-aunt. Funeral at Penpont Church at 3 pm on Saturday March 9th 1991. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to R.S.P.C.A. c/o A.V. Griffiths & Son Funeral Directors, Felinfach, Brecon, Powys.

O'DWYER - On March 5th 1991, peacefully at Northampton General Hospital, Dr. James Joseph O'Dwyer, of Fiveways House, Gayton, Northants., formerly of Newtown, Powys, aged 72. Husband of Angela, father of Kate and Mary, stepfather of Charles Fox. The funeral service will take place at St Francis and Therese R.C. Church, East Hunsbury, Northampton, on Saturday March 9th at 10.30 am, followed by cremation at the Counties Crematorium, Northampton at 11.30 am. No flowers please, but donations for Northampton General Hospital I.T.U. Ward Fund may be sent to John White Funeral Director, 188/190 Watling Street East, Towcester, tel: (0327) 359266.

O'REGAN - On February 23rd 1991, peacefully in hospital, Gertrude May 'Peggy', aged 80 years. Widow of John C. O'Regan, dearly loved mother of Paul and Brian, much loved by all her family. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Maple Road, Surbiton, Sy., Friday March 15th at 11 am, followed by interment at Kingston Cemetery 11.45 am. Flowers if desired may be sent to F.W. Paine F/D, 29 Coombe Road, Kingston, Sy. Tel: (081) 546-4813.

RAINEY - On March 5th 1991, suddenly in Spain, F. Tristram, aged 80. Father of George, Alec and Francis and loved grandfather of Hugo, Adrian, Anatole, Alexander and Xenia.

SHILLITO - On March 4th, suddenly, James Trueman, aged 93, beloved husband of Mab and dear father of Bill and Gillian. Cremation private. Funeral Service at Wonston Parish Church on Tuesday March 12th at 3 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Help the Aged c/o Jno Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester (0962) 844044.

STEVENS - On March 1st 1991, peacefully, Jane, of Cannon Cottage, Marham, Norfolk. Beloved wife of Pat (deceased). Private cremation. Memorial Service at Holy Trinity Church, Marham, on Friday March 15th at 11.30 am. No flowers. Donations if desired for the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, 41 Eagle St., London WC1R 4AR.

WATSON - On February 28th, suddenly, Gordon, dearly beloved husband of Elizabeth; much loved father of Patrick and Ann; adoring grandfather of Edward. Friend and adviser to so many. Private cremation, family flowers only. Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday March 20th, 2 pm at the Church of St Peter & St Paul, Seal, near Sevenoaks.

WAUDBY - On Wednesday March 6th, William Attwood, formerly of Glades Estate, Molo, Kenya, peacefully after a very short illness at Nanyuki Cottage Hospital. Funeral at Nanyuki on Friday March 8th.

WOODCOCK - On March 4th 1991, at Concord House, Whitecross, Zeals, Lt. Col. James Ronald Woodcock, XX The Lancashire Fusiliers. Beloved husband of Hazel. Private cremation at Salisbury. Donations if desired for the S.W. Wilts Family Support Service may be sent to Bracher Brothers F/D, Gillingham, Dorset (0747) 822494.

WOOD - On March 5th, Phyllis Margaret, peacefully at Hindhead, aged 95, widow of the Reverend T.J. Wood, sometime Vicar of Charlbury, a much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral at Manor Mead Nursing Home at 11 am on March 11th. Service in Charlbury to be announced.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

LEWIS - In memory of Wyndham Lewis, died March 7th 1957, and Froanna.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

SMYTH - Raymond. Capt. and Mrs. Smyth, Lorraine, Yvonne and Caroline wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to all those dear friends who attended the burial service of Raymond, last Friday at St John-in-the-Wilderness. Also for all the beautiful floral tributes, letters and cards of sympathy. Special thanks to the members of the Keep Fit Group who were with Raymond at the time of his death, especially Stefan and his wife Mandy, also the ambulance men and doctors. We would also like to extend our thanks to Father Larry Costello for conducting such a beautiful and meaningful service, also to Mr Powley and Mr Mahoney of Crews & Son, who have given us so much support. God bless you all.

MARCH 7 **ON THIS DAY** 1938

The Hawker Hurricane, which sometimes seems to be overshadowed by the Supermarine Spitfire, was a sturdy, versatile — well up to carrying a bomb — and highly manoeuvrable fighter. The Hurricane mentioned in this report which flew from Turnhouse, near Edinburgh to Northolt, a distance of 327 miles in 48 minutes, was piloted by Squadron Leader J. W. Gillan, who won both the DFC and AFC.

FAST FIGHTERS IN FORMATION

Hawker Hurricane fighters, of the type which recently made a flight from Edinburgh to London at a speed of 408.75 miles an hour, have now been supplied in sufficient numbers to No 111 Squadron to complete its first-line strength of 11 machines and to provide some for reserve.

The squadron, composed mainly of junior officers and sergeant pilots, has been responsible for discovering how far the first of the new monoplane types of fighter may affect manoeuvre, and therefore tactics. An opportunity, afforded at Northolt on Friday, to watch the squadron at work gave astonishing evidence of the continuing ability to do close formation flying and revealed an ease of control which compensates for such disadvantages as the new type may be said by old fighter standards, to impose.

The relative disadvantages may be briefly stated as the price which has had to be paid for high speed. The gain in speed as compared with the best of the biplane fighters is at least 70 miles an hour, and it may be more. That is obtained partly by increasing power — the Rolls-Royce Merlin engine yields a maximum of 1,050hp — but particularly by cleanness of the monoplane lines and by the reduction of drag through the diminution of wing area and the retraction of the undercarriage.

The adoption of the monoplane helps to confer this advantage, but it demands in return a wider area for manoeuvre. The fast monoplane may not be turned as quickly or in so small a space. It loses speed less promptly in response to the closing of the throttle. Because of its higher wing-loading it needs a longer take-off run and it lands at a faster speed, though this is ameliorated by the use of flaps on the trailing edge of the wing.

CONCERTED FIRE

Friday's example of formation flying were surprising in view of the assumptions that the advent of the monoplane fighter must lead to modifications in fighter tactics. It may be the fact that the "dog fight" as it was known in the War, will not be seen again. The Hurricane, for instance, covers 3,000ft of height in making a loop, and so might have some difficulty in returning to the attack of a fast bomber after diving on it. Yet it rolls nicely and may make steeply banked turns.

If the bomber were willing to circle in order to fight off its adversary a "dog fight" in rather slow time might still be possible. More probably it would not stand and fight, but would rely on its speed and its rear guns for self-defence. Therefore formation flying in the fighter units becomes the more important because of the great weight of fire which a formation may thereby pour into the raider.

The pilots of No 111 Squadron, led by Squadron Leader J. W. Gillan, on Friday had to contend with some bumps. The formations passing at a height of about 500ft could be seen to rise and fall in the vertical currents like ships on a swell, and occasionally an individual machine rocked as it recovered from a thrust above or below one wing. It was a good day for testing the formation flying qualities of men and machines, as well as for demonstrating them.

The formations were close and were well preserved. The turns in formation were made in wide sweeps, but they were neat and orderly, for the machines on the outer flank evidently had plenty of power at their service and the pilots knew how to use it without overshooting and losing station.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

PELHAM-CLINTON - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Hermione Pelham-Clinton will be held at the Church of St Dubricius, Porlock, on Saturday March 16th at 2 pm.

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1. The above named company ("the company") has approved a payment out of capital for the purpose of redeeming 1,419,355 of its own shares.
2. the amount of the permissible capital payment for the shares in question is £1,305,722
3. the date for the resolution for payment out of capital is 28 February 1991
4. a statutory declaration and auditors' report required by section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 are available for inspection at the Company's registered office at 73A Bell Street, Henley on Thames, Oxon, and
5. any creditor of the Company may at any time within the five weeks immediately following the date of the resolution for payment out of capital apply to the Court under section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 for an order prohibiting the payment.

Dated 28 February 1991
K. Horn
Company Secretary

CONTRACTS & TENDERS

NOTICE
CONTRACT ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES
NAME AND ADDRESS OF AWARDING AUTHORITY
The Corporation of London,
City Engineers Department,
P.O. Box 270,
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DATED

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THE APPLICATION WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

(a) i) The company's audit statement of account for the last 3 years plus associated notes, which should include balance sheets, statement of profits and loss, total turnover figures and turnover from electricity sales activities.

Or, in the case of companies recently formed where clause (a) i) cannot be fulfilled, the company should supply:

(a) ii) The company's published interim accounts for the part year completed plus associated notes and projected figures for the full year and next year, showing turnover figures, turnover from electricity sales and activities and anticipated profits and losses.

(b) A list of major electricity sales contracts gained over the last year, together with evidence of their satisfactory operation, their value and the client.

(c) Details of insurance liability and indemnity including limitations and exclusions.

(d) A list of professional qualifications of the company's directors and managerial staff who would be responsible for overseeing the contract.

DEADLINES

Applications shall be in English and must be received by the Corporation no later than 12 noon on Thursday, 4th April, 1991.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - The Anapauo Christian Trust.

The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this Charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX quoting reference 287760-A1-CD(Ldn1). Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

LEGAL NOTICES

CAMERON SHUTTERING LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Unsecured Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Booth White, 58 New Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4QR, on Thursday 14th March 1991 at 12.00 noon, for the purposes of having laid before it a copy of the Report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under Section 48 of the said Act. The Meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a Creditors' Committee to exercise the functions conferred on, by, or under the Act.

Creditors are only entitled to vote if:-

(a) They have delivered to us at the address shown above, no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the Meeting, written details of the debts they claim to be due, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules 1986; and

(b) There has been lodged with us any Proxy which the Creditor intends to use on his behalf.

Creditors may obtain a copy of the Report, free of charge, on application to the Administrative Receivers, at the address shown above.

Dated this 28th day of February 1991
COLIN G. WISEMAN
JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER

CITYMONTH LIMITED

I, MAURICE RAYMOND DORRINGTON F.I.P.A. of POPPLETON & APPLEBY, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company on the 19th February 1991 by the Members and Creditors.

Dated: 4th March 1991
M.R. Dorrington F.I.P.A.
Liquidator

Detail & Precision Fabrications Limited

Registered number: 1789109. Nature of business: Manufacturers of commercial food processing machines. Trade Classification: 11. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 19 February 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Lloyds Bank Plc. E D S Kirker & J S Baird - Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder nos) 060 and 1074) of Pannell Kerr Forster & Partners New Garden House 78 Hatton Garden London EC1N 8JA.

DOMINION GROUP SERVICES LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above company, in accordance with the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, will held at Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL on 18 March 1991 at 2.45 pm. The purposes of the meeting are to receive a Statement of Affairs and a report on the company from a director and if the creditors wish to do so, to nominate a liquidator and appoint a liquidation committee.

Copies of this notice, a summary of the Statement of Affairs and forms for obtaining acknowledgement of claims for the purpose of VAT bad debt relief have been sent to all known creditors.

A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection at the offices of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL on any of the business days prior to the date of the meeting.

Proxies for use at the meeting must be returned to Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL by 17 March 1991 at 2.00 pm and claims must be made in writing and may be made to the same address.

By order of the board
A Qazi
Director
5 March 1991
Note

Any creditor who has not received notice of the meeting and who wishes to attend or be represented at it should ring Ms M Wong on 071 939 3000 extension 4612 to obtain the necessary forms.

IN THE MATTER OF
Surrey Car Telephones LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Edwin Kirker of Pannell Kerr Forster & Partners, New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA was appointed Liquidator of the said Company on 25th February 1991 by the Creditors.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 28 day of March 1991, to send in their full forenames and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned E Kirker Pannell Kerr Forster & Partners New Garden House 78 Hatton Garden London EC1N 8JA the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 28 day of February 1991.
E. Kirker
Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

BRIGHTFIELD LIMITED

Registered number: 1120938. Nature of business: Holding Company. Trade Classification: 37. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 19 February 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Lloyds Bank Plc. E D S Kirker & J S Baird - Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder nos) 060 and 1074) of Pannell Kerr Forster & Partners, New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA

FAIRBANKS AND PENFOLD LIMITED
IN RECEIVERSHIP

Registered Number: 676827. Trading name: Fairbanks and Penfold Limited. Nature of business: Electrical and plumbing. Trade classification: Construction 27. Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): 26 February 1991. Name of person appointing administrative receiver(s): National Westminster Bank Plc. Peter John Robertson Souster and Peter James Dickerson, Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder nos) 2569 and 1277) of Baker Tilly, 2 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1B 3ST

IN THE MATTER OF
Streetstone LIMITED
and
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Edwin Kirker of Pannell Kerr Forster & Partners, New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA was appointed Liquidator of the said Company on 20th February 1991 by the Creditors.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 28 day of March 1991, to send in their full forenames and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of the debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned E Kirker New Garden House 78 Hatton Garden London EC1N 8JA the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 28 day of February 1991
E. Kirker
Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
and
IN THE MATTER OF
THE PRINTED IMAGE LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on Thursday, 21st March, 1991 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Terence John Roper, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.

DATED this 26th day of February, 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
K. CHURCH.
DIRECTOR

Notice of Appointment for Advertisement
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106 (1)
Red & Gold Theatre Company Limited
-In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation-

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I, Raymond Hocking, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 20 February 1991. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.

All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.

Dated: 21 February 1991
R HOCKING
Liquidator

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
Suit Rack Limited

Registered number: 1743458. Former company name: Establishment Menswear Limited. Trading name: The Suit Rack. Nature of business: Retailers of Mens clothing. Trade classification: 17. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 22 February 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver: Midland Bank plc. P R Copp and M Cohen, Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder no(s) 1788 and 6826/01). Address: Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA.

PADDICK Cecil George of 17 Langford Road, Bedminster Down, Bristol, Avon died on 7th January 1991 Particulars to Trowers & Hamlins Solicitors of (KKL.0021.1796.EP) 6 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, London WC2A 3RP before 10th May 1991

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(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

Notice is hereby given that A. J. McMahon of KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, 20 Farringdon Street, London, EC4A 4PP was appointed liquidator of the above company on 22nd February 1991.

Dated this 28th February, 1991.
A. J. McMahon
Liquidator

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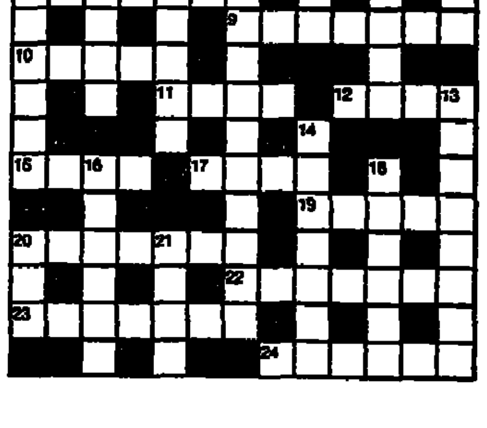

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Russians lack fibre

ICL omits optic links in £1.5m Soviet new technology deal

Britain's leading computer company, ICL, has announced a £1.5 million contract with the Soviet Union to provide a computer network that will handle documents, such as import and export papers, electronically with the aim of cutting paperwork.

The technology for moving towards paperless trading, or electronic data interchange (EDI), is booming in western countries. EDI networks ideally use fibre optic links. But whether such telecommunications technology should be exported to the Soviet Union is being argued among the members of the Co-ordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls (CoCom), a 17-nation group of mostly Nato countries that licenses the export of high technology to eastern bloc countries.

ICL, formerly British but now 80 per cent-owned by Japan's Fujitsu, decided to avoid the use of technology such as fibre optics and the powerful 486 chip for personal computers because it would have required licences. George Hill, ICL's external relations manager, says: "We built it so it was not CoCom-sensitive. We had to use the existing Soviet network."

In the wake of the changes in eastern Europe, CoCom announced plans last June to reduce greatly the number of products whose export is restricted and replace it with a core list of eight categories considered to have a military as well as civilian use. One result would be that even powerful personal computers could be exported. European manufacturers have long argued that restrictions on such items are ineffectual because they can be bought outside CoCom countries.

Last week, a high-level meeting planned for CoCom and intended to win final agreement on the smaller list, was downgraded to a working session in the knowledge that agreement was unlikely.

Some CoCom members want the controls relaxed, others want to reconsider in the light of President Gorbachev's problems with the Baltic republics. Intelligence agencies in the United States believe the use of advanced fibre optic communications systems by the Soviet Union may limit their eavesdropping on telephone calls.

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The sweet smell of death

Researchers are developing sex traps and sensual smells to lure pests from crops. Nick Nuttall describes the art of scientific deception

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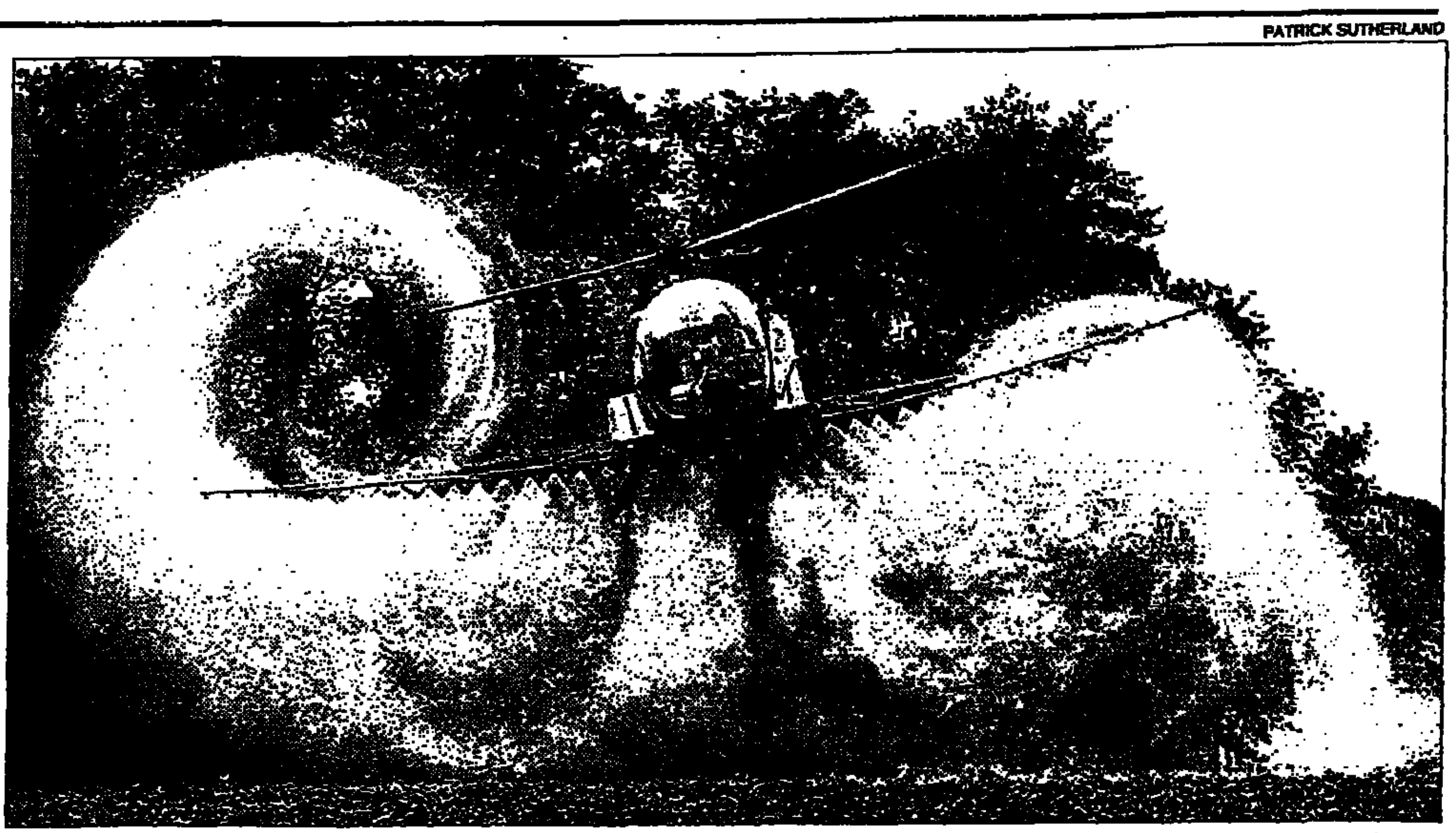

The whirlybird catches the flies: a helicopter sprays crops to kill insect eggs. The latest chemicals on test would simply stop them laying

Some big surprises are being planned by British scientists for the pests that do serious damage to crops and whose control by man-made chemicals is causing increasing concern. Researchers have found substances, produced naturally by plants and female insects, that can be deployed in novel ways to confuse and trap pests and stop them from breeding.

These substances can also fool pests into believing that their favourite crop is inedible and hazardous, forcing them to fly on in search of alternative food.

The work, being carried out by a team at the Rothamsted Experimental Station at Harpenden, Hertfordshire, is being made possible by a technique called single cell recording. This allows the researchers to discover which airborne aromas excite insects.

The method involves inserting a tiny tungsten electrode in an insect's antenna, the organ that senses smells, and converting the firing of nerve cells into sound. In this way the scientists can not only find and listen in on areas of the antenna that detect aromas but, with analysis instruments, also discover which compounds in an airborne chemical are the most powerful and interesting to a pest.

The researchers have found that cells in the third segment of the antenna, the secondary rhinaria, fire in response to pheromones, female sex chemicals. The fifth and sixth segments, the primary rhinaria, are tuned to pick up aromas from favourite plants.

This knowledge allows the researchers to devise new pest control strategies that should satisfy farmers' needs and environmentalists' demands.

One of the insects being studied is the hop aphid. The work highlights the way natural controls for pests might work. The hop aphid can ruin the beer crop and there is no effective pesticide, says Dr John Pickett, head of the insecticides and fungicides department at Rothamsted, which is part of the Agricultural and Food Research Council.

The researchers have found two compounds in the sex-signalling chemical with which females waiting on damson plants attract males during the winter breeding season.

Dr Pickett says that, instead of synthesising the compounds, the team has turned to the labiate family of plants, which includes lavender and mint.

One species, cat mint (*Nepeta mussinii*), produces compounds almost identical to the female aphid's signalling chemical. The team has modified this in the laboratory.

Tests at Horticultural Research International in East Malling, Kent, using capsules containing the fake pheromones and water traps, have been promising. Dr Pickett says: "It is quite spectacular watching these male aphids fly against the wind to get into the trap they think holds females."

The Rothamsted team has devised an alternative trap, which infects the males with a natural fungus as they pass through so that they carry it back to the wild.

Dr Pickett says: "We are also looking at the biochemistry of pheromone production. It might be possible to modify hop leaves by genetic engineering to make the pheromone. The leaves are already making closely related compounds. The idea would be to hold the males on the leaves and destroy them after the hop cones have been harvested."

Another discovery with possible applications has been that the sex chemicals attract not only males but also the beneficial insects that live on hop aphids.

In addition, research with chemicals produced naturally by the plants seems promising. The team has discovered leaf chemicals that attract the insects to hops in the spring. These chemicals might lure the aphids away if placed elsewhere.

Another discovery by Dr Pickett's team is cells in the hop aphid's antenna that also react to plants that they hate and on which they cannot thrive. These are natural aromas produced by brassicas, vegetables that include cabbage and Brussels sprouts. By spraying hops with these brassica chemicals, offensive to aphids but not to humans, the team has found it is possible to trick the pests into flying past hop fields.

Race for life: ambulancemen take a heart attack victim to casualty

Doctors find bargain drug is the best

A cheap heart drug developed 30 years ago is proved to be safer than its costly new rivals

The world's biggest study of "clot-buster" drugs, which can save the lives of heart attack victims, produced good news for patients and bad news for some drug companies this week.

The results of the study of 46,000 patients in 20 countries, supervised by Oxford university researchers, were presented at the annual scientific meeting of the American College of Cardiology in Atlanta, Georgia.

Three drugs, all members of the family of thrombolytics, or clot-dissolving agents, were tested for safety and efficacy. The good news is that they are equally effective in dissolving clots in the arteries and restoring blood flow to the heart, and could be given to a wider range of patients, including older heart attack sufferers.

The bad news for some companies that have invested hundreds of millions of pounds in developing two recent versions is that a rival, produced 30 years ago, is safer and much cheaper, and thus likely to be preferred in the intensely competitive pharmaceuticals market.

All thrombolytics are considered a boon to medicine because, if injected within a few hours of an attack, they can often save life. Those few hours are critical; most patients who die after a heart attack do so before reaching hospital.

The Royal College of General Practitioners said last week that it will introduce a trial, involving 5,000 family doctors and 20,000 patients, to see whether GPs can administer the drugs safely and successfully. At present the drugs are used in Britain almost exclusively by hospital doctors.

The three drugs used in the international trial are streptokinase, developed 30 years ago, a genetically engineered version, known as t-PA (tissue plaminogen activator), and Aspac, a chemically modified relative of streptokinase.

Dr Rory Collins, an Oxford medical research scientist, who helped to direct the study, says the evidence shows that streptokinase is safer and a "bargain" compared with its much more expensive rivals competitors.

Streptokinase costs about £100 a dose, ASPAC sells for about £800 and t-PA costs about £1,100, the Atlanta conference was told. The drugs used in the study are made by German, British and American companies respectively.

Two British companies, Smith-Kline and Wellcome, spent £4 million financing the study, but the research was done independently of the manufacturers.

The study concluded that ASPAC and t-PA caused "significantly more strokes from bleeding into the brain" than did streptokinase.

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Nicotine: a perfect drug?

As slaves to cigarettes prepare for no-smoking day, salvation could already be at hand. Jeremy Laurance reports

Nicotine is the closest we are likely to get to the perfect drug. Its effects are remarkably diverse: it stimulates, calms and enhances feelings of pleasure, but has few, if any, side-effects. Yet nicotine is a restricted drug. Only the lethal instrument for its delivery — the cigarette — may be sold across the counter.

Why do we put up with this senseless — and inhumane — restriction? Smoking causes more than 100,000 deaths a year in Britain, and if it is addiction to nicotine that keeps some smokers puffing until they drop, should we not offer them the drug in a safer form?

All human societies have used mood-changing drugs — and all have suffered enormous personal, social and economic harm as a result. Alcohol, heroin and cocaine often kill. But nicotine is different. Its great advantage over other drugs is that its effects are mild. It does not produce an intense high, dramatic intoxication or unpleasant withdrawal symptoms. There is no hangover. It is pleasurable only within a narrow range of concentrations in the blood — which is what makes it safe.

Nicotine affects the release of the neurotransmitters (chemicals) in a key area of the brain which governs fundamental urges such as hunger, thirst and sex. It may even have therapeutic effects. Nicotine improves concentration and mind-body co-ordination, and has been given by injection to sufferers from Alzheimer's disease (pre-senile dementia), improving their alertness and vigilance.

The problem with nicotine lies with its usual mode of administration — via a cigarette. The tobacco is a killer (it is the tar in the tobacco, not the nicotine, that causes lung cancer), but the cigarette is a uniquely efficient vehicle for the delivery of the drug.

A quarter of the nicotine inhaled in a puff reaches the brain in seven to ten seconds. A 20-a-day smoker gets 70,000 shots (puffs) a year. Though some smokers are able to restrict themselves to an occasional cigarette, more than 80 per cent smoke regularly on a daily basis. At least three out of four say they want to stop, but only one in four succeeds in stopping permanently before they are 60. Of those who try, 90 per cent are smoking again within a year.

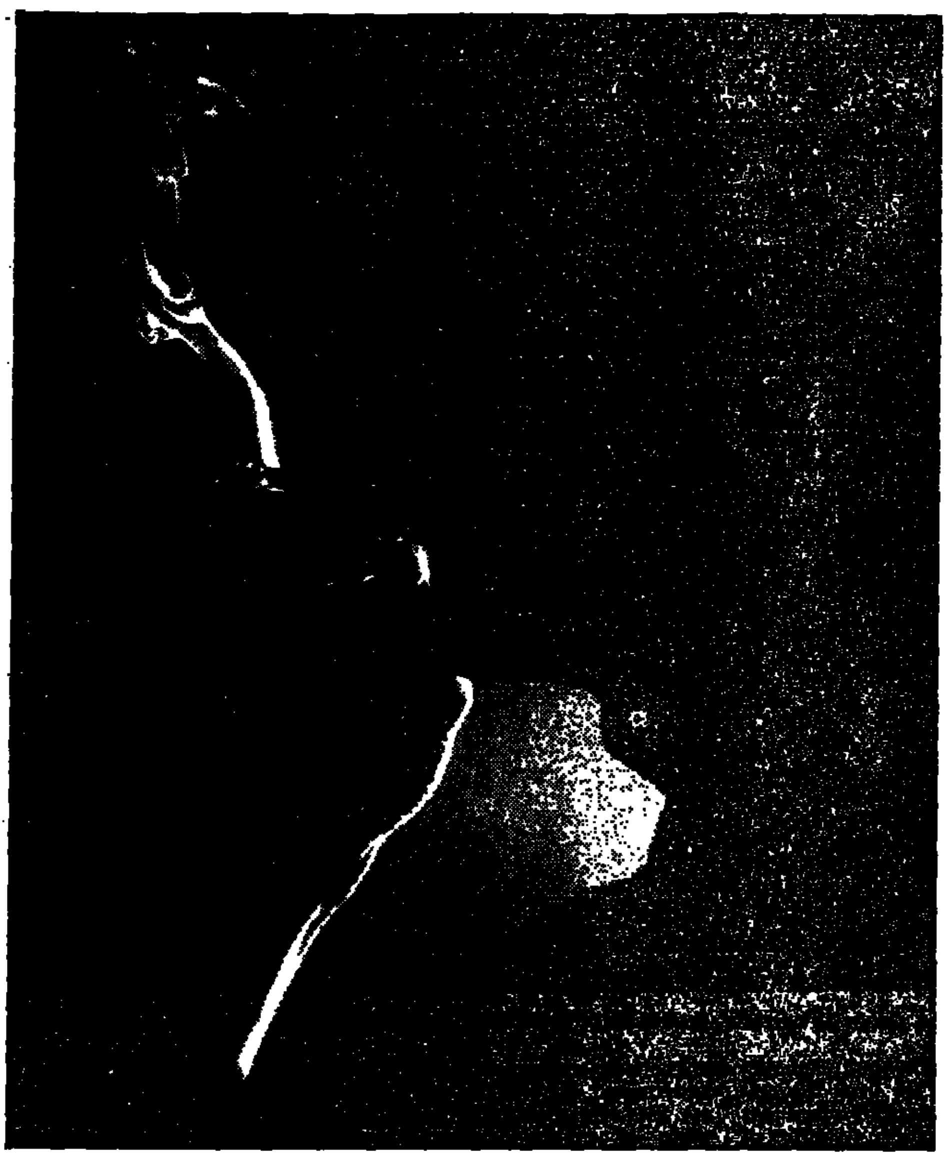
Yet there is a powerful resistance to the notion that smoking is a form of drug abuse. The public dislikes the idea that smokers need help rather than harassment, and health educators argue that a third of smokers stop without help. But these are the least dependent. The two-thirds who continue to smoke are likely to be more dependent, and require the greatest help.

So if it is the tobacco that harbours the risks, why not develop a safer mode of delivering the nicotine? Should we not be offering smokers a choice: between a harmful cigarette and, say, a nicotine inhaler?

Substitutes such as nicotine chewing gum are available on prescription. But the gum has proved ineffective with 70 per cent of smokers because the drug is absorbed much more slowly than from a cigarette. Most researchers now believe that the sudden "hit" of nicotine from a lungful of cigarette smoke is critical.

Experiments with a nicotine spray squirted up the nose to deliver a sudden, higher dose to the brain have been going on at the Maudsley hospital in London for more than a year. Patients involved in the trial speak enthusiastically of the pleasures of using the spray.

But the treatment is carefully geared to helping smokers to give up. The spray is not on offer as a permanent substitute. Patients are warned not to try to breathe the spray into their lungs — which would make it even more satisfying — because this is the activity they are trying to stop. No patient is permitted to have the spray for more than three months.



Caution is appropriate, because there may be some risks. Although nicotine has no role in lung cancer, in the long term it could contribute to arrhythmia in heart attacks, causing the heart to flap about. It may also be implicated in fat metabolism, increasing the risk of heart disease.

But it is beyond doubt that the purified drug is a great deal safer than when delivered via a cigarette. The objection to offering nicotine in a different form comes down to doctors' reluctance to promote the straight transfer of an addiction from one product to another, rather than curing it, and their feeling that drug-taking for social or commercial reasons, to increase productivity, for example, cannot be justified.

Nicotine does not produce intense highs or hangovers

But not all share this view. Dr Martin Jarvis, a senior scientist with the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, who is involved in the trials of the nicotine spray, thinks there is a lot to be said for the substitution argument.

"Some people object that it would create dependence. But if one doesn't take a moral line and focuses on the harm, not the dependence, it raises different questions. Nicotine certainly doesn't cause social harm, breaking up families as alcohol does, and if it doesn't cause physical harm either, by killing people, then it raises the question: 'Why not?' "

The tobacco industry, however, is not interested. There were 97 billion cigarettes manufactured in the UK last year and there are 17 million people smoking them. "People enjoy smoking," Brendan Brady, a spokesman for the Tobacco Advisory Council, says. "The tobacco companies have no need to compete with themselves."

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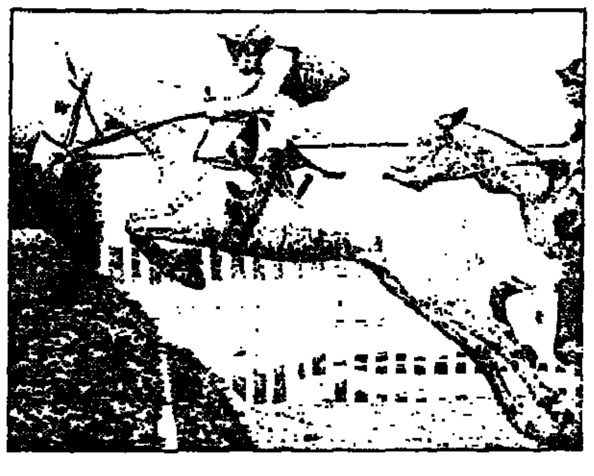
MEDICAL BRIEFING Dr Thomas Stuttaford

No need for the knife

THE news that Australian vets are working on a reversible means of gelding horses has coincided with the release in Britain of a new drug, Prostap SR (leuprorelin), which, acting in a similar way, in effect castrates the human male without recourse to the knife or to large doses of female hormones. The vets' aim is to keep options open, so that a trainer will have the advantages of a quiet horse while it is running, and the opportunity of a stallion at stud later. The Japanese doctors from the Takeda pharmaceutical company, who devised Prostap, were seeking a way of controlling advanced cancer of the prostate, the second most common male cancer. In 70 per cent of cases this tumour is testosterone-dependent; if the hormone is absent or neutralised, eight out of ten patients will find the tumour regresses, pain is relieved and urinary flow quickens.



Not unnaturally, men find it hard to accept surgical castration or its present alternative, treatment with female hormones, which can cause heart failure, a liability to cardiovascular disease and growth of their breasts.

Prostap SR ingeniously overcomes these disadvantages. The Leydig cells of the testes do not produce testosterone of their own volition, but are part of a complex axis. The hypothalamus in the brain secretes a hormone, GnRH, which stimulates receptors in the pituitary gland to cause it in turn to release another hormone, LH, which controls the testes. Prostap is an artificial GnRH hormone a hundred times more powerful than the natural substance; its strength weakens the receptors in the pituitary gland and in consequence the pituitary stops producing LH. As a result, the testes no longer secrete testosterone, and without this the prostatic tumour withers, so that the patient's well-being is restored, but not at the cost of testicles.

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Beware of the dog

AS IT was the Queen's left hand which was savaged by her corgi last weekend, her stitches did not prevent her from wielding the ceremonial sword as usual at Tuesday's investiture.

Animal bites are treated as infected puncture wounds, for when their teeth are buried in an adversary's flesh they not only implant a selection of the organisms from their own mouths but also bacteria which they have picked up from feeding on carrion or, worse, while on their walk. Any infection should be dealt with successfully by a combination of Flagyl (metronidazole), which hits the anaerobic bacteria, and Augmentin, a broad-spectrum penicillin supplemented with clavulanic acid to deal with any beta-lactamase-producing resistant organisms, together with a tetanus booster.

Facial injuries are not an uncommon consequence of dog attacks, and their repair requires rather more skill. Expression is controlled by many small muscles just below the skin. These muscles, as well as the skin, have to be carefully sutured if the patient is not to be left with a scarred, sagging face or a smile which might twist into a scowl.

Losing by a neck

BY THIS stage of the Jermyn Street sales it is only those with gargantuan necks who are likely to have much choice of shirt patterns. But Dr John Stradling, of Oxford's Osler Chest Unit, has shown that the bull necks have a price to pay for sartorial elegance. In a survey of more than a thousand middle-aged men, the occurrence of sleep apnoea, the breathless pause which interrupts crescendo snoring, is more likely in those who take a size 17½ collar or larger. Dr Stradling found neck size was the best predictor of sleep apnoea, a condition that increases the likelihood of strokes and coronary thrombosis, and occasionally causes sudden death if the brain's reflexes are blunted and breathing does not restart automatically after the pause.

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Old Thames run murky till I stir it up

Michael Wright on the London river as a brown god, and a wild literary soup

Purgatory to read, hell to review, this is an impressive novel. Weighing-in at a mere 1lb 5¼oz, *Downriver* may not fall literally into the super heavyweight category of literary fiction, but egad, it ain't half solid. 407 pages crammed with small print bear witness to a no-holds-barred logorrhoeic discharge; an orgy of prose that thoroughly vindicates the dustjacket's description of Iain Sinclair — sometime poet, park gardener, film-maker, dockworker and book-dealer — as writing "at full throttle".

DOWNRIVER
By Iain Sinclair
Paladin, £14.99

Hmm. Now turn to page 363: "He gunned the motor to a scream: churning us deeper and deeper into the quaggy filth. With a groan of hurt, and a radical crunch, the propeller shaft parted from its blades." Such are the perils of running at full throttle. Sinclair's bloatedly prolix first person narrative drags the reader through a deep purple swamp of post modearnest navel-contemplation, churning up a lot of the aforesaid quaggy filth, making a hell of a racket . . . and getting nowhere fast.

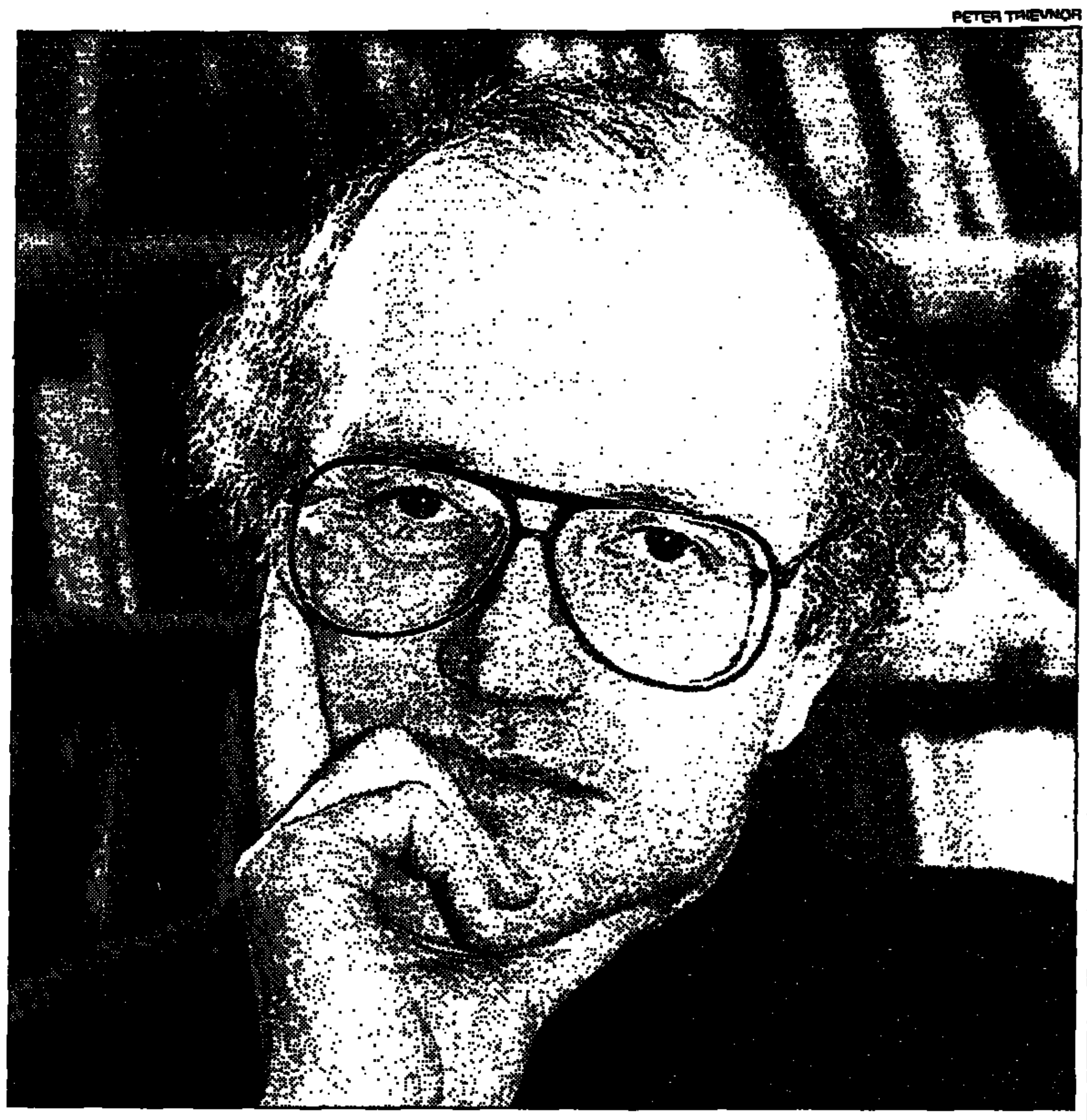
Focused upon the Thames as it flows through the East End of London, gurgling with the mythic mirk of the past, the 12 loose-knit sections of this "grimoire of rivers and railways" ostensibly dramatise a quest to explore some of the dark mysteries of the region; violent deaths, mass drownings, and ambiguous disappearances. But in "picking at the scabs" of his locale, the author-narrator fashionably undermines the workings of time itself, perceiving that both the past and the future are available in the present: "It is all there, all within reach; birth to grave — and beyond: it only requires the courage to *stop everything* and to look." So Sinclair does stop and look, searching for "ladders in time", finding "patterns, meanings, and distributions of unexpended energy", while past, present and future dance strip-the-willow by the "guilty" Thames.

Jack the Ripper and Alice in Wonderland; occult resurrectionists; the victims of a Victorian boating disaster; blind dogs and hermaphrodite Teiresias-types; an Aboriginal cricketer; the driver of a nuclear-waste train: all are plopped into the melting pot (along with a clutch of cheap lampoons of Margaret Thatcher, Colin Moynihan, Mary Archer, *et al.*) and are stirred with vigour *from within.* After all, the author/narrator is in the pot too.

Here lies the root of the novel's intellectual success and emotional failure; in its complex self-reflexiveness. Sinclair is both inside and outside his narrative. Like his shadowy characters, he constantly blurs the distinction between the invented and the self-inventing. The polarities of presence and absence, life and death, male and female are "deconstructed" with bravura.

But things begin to go wrong as Sinclair gets *seriously* post-modern, writing to a fustian formula that passed its sell-by date years ago, masturbating over the absolute power of the author-god. Rubbing shoulders with his own fictional creations, the narrator realises that *he* — not the prophetic curvature of time or the Dorian Gray syndrome — is responsible for the interweaving of past and future; that the whole caboodle is little more than a map of its maker's brain. Groan. The novel, overtold to the point of erasure, is reduced to a metaphor for its own creation; a book about writing books; a hall of mirrors with all the precision of the Hubble telescope.

PETER TREVNOR



Iain Sinclair, the author as narrator, post-modern participant, and heavyweight Thames waterman, to boot

At the same time, the hammering "I" of the narrative leaves little space for the reader; as the raw mythopoeic energy of the whole is undermined, so we are squeezed out. Even when Sinclair writes in the voice of other characters, the linguistic barrage is such that we feel trapped inside the author's mind. And that's not a particularly pleasant place to be, when he's trembling in a state of "mingled inspiration and paranoid-dementia". It is like being spun inside the golfball of a Promethean typewriter, or watching Dickens attempting to play Hamlet in the style of Jackson Pollock. "Is Sinclair completely gonzo?" asks one character, when the author sends him a severed tongue through the post and asks him to take over the narration . . . "has he screwed himself so deeply into his paranoid fantasies that he's imploded in a shatter of mutating icons?"

Very nearly. There is imaginative power here, oodles of the stuff, but there's also a fair old whack of bookish balderdash. The flavour and consistency are roughly similar to a liquidised mash of Joyce, Eliot, Conrad, and Blake, salted with Stephen Hawking, and peppered with Jung. Not everyone's cup of tea, admittedly, but this inky potage may turn out to be one of the more important unread books of the year.

Iraq terror comes home

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By Gerald Seymour
Harvill, £13.99

Iraqi state-sponsored terrorism uses a lawless young English hitman to eliminate its enemies. The accidental shooting of an American agent sets off a trail of revenge, led by a pushy FBI man, of dubious aim. He plays wild west games in the mean rural backwaters of poachers' England, where the hitman goes to ground. Meanwhile, English officials dither, afraid of losing valuable Iraqi contracts to European rivals and what little Middle Eastern intelligence they have, and a disaffected government scientist bites at an Iraqi offer to defect to their nuclear programme. There is nothing fanciful about Seymour's pre-Gulf-war thriller, which provides a terse lowdown on the Middle East and western interests invested there. No room either for sentimentality in his tinpot world, which combines the landscapes and rugged manhunts of Geoffrey Household with the dispassionate sniper's eye of Eric Ambler. The condition of this thriller is without peradventure black, absolutely. *Alpha minus.*

● Hitmen with an eye for the lie of the land, for whom the thrill of the hunt counts more than the purse, dominate this month's batch, but the real danger is that these sharp-eyed marksmen function as no more than narrative triggers, and the bigger the target the sketchier the hitman — George Bush's would-be assassin in Stephen Coonts's **Under Siege** (*Harper Collins, £13.99*) amounts to a soft-footed cypher, a checklist for a character. This otherwise ambitious thriller belongs to an emerging strand which implies that convulsions in the USSR are matched by US internal decay, and that major cities, already split into deadly factions and no-go areas, await the fate of Beirut. Coonts's scenario sees the Washington drug war spiral into chaos: the crack crack-down comes too late to prevent big city crack-up. Imported Colombian hit-squads roam the capital and top government figures, starting with Bush, are on the hit-list — panic on the streets and nightmare TV news. Coonts effectively dismantles Washington — as government, as an urban entity, as major city, as a media capital — and shows how easily the whole thing can be made not to work. *Alpha minus* for anarchy, *beta plus* for the rest.

● An exception to these papery psychos is deadly, illiterate Dougie in James Hall's **Bones of Coral** (*Heinemann, £13.99*). Dougie, mutant product of Florida junk culture and capable of expression only by cartoonish bubbles, embarks on a killing jag through a subculture reminiscent of the hard-boiled world of Florida's finest, the late Charles Willeford. But outside the realm of this pulp sub-plot, author Hall, an English professor, entertains literary ambitions, his subject sick America, no less. An ecologically kosher plot exposes the Florida Keys as a dumping ground for toxic waste, and proceeds by way of clever, almost arty shocks: a paramedic on emergency call is confronted by the corpse of his estranged father; a star of TV soaps, used to the absurd switches of fictional melodrama, finds herself saddled in real life with multiple sclerosis. As so often in American stories, the unoriginal sins of the fathers are to blame; after his appalling dad, no wonder the murderous Dougie practises abrupt violence with such crass aplomb and robot rhetoric: "Flat splat, you dead rat." *Alpha* for Dougie, but *beta plus* for the rest.

● Tim Sebastian's **Saviour's Gate** (*Simon & Schuster, £13.99*) takes a dive into the turmoil of post-glasnost Russia. Though strongly pro-Gorby, Sebastian wonders if the USSR is up to handling this powerful drug called democracy. As former BBC Moscow correspondent, he should know. But unfortunately bitty writing suggests too much practice at delivering bulletin-sized capsules to autocue without pause for breath or thought. It leaves an overstaffed stock cast of internationals fending too much for itself in a none too sparky plot, involving the General Secretary's likely defection to the US. *Beta.*

● Mousy — well, more overlooked than mousy — Bonn secretary privy to the new Germany's plans for Europe is the target of a Soviet spy trained in the art of novelettish seduction, who notes with approval her firm breasts. In **Little Grey Mice** (*Century, £13.99*) by Brian Freemantle, their slow affair flops into an extended equivalent of The Lady Loves Milk Tray, with jealous complications because the spy's control is his missus, a daft bit of planning. Freemantle fails to locate the fissures that a writer like Patricia Highsmith finds in human relationships and behaviour by instinct. *Beta.*

● Nixon's 1971 visit to Mao provokes panic in the CIA headquarters, as this political volte-face coincides with the sudden awakening of a Tibetan sleeper programmed to shoot the Chairman. Not that the reader has much confidence in the gentle Ari — a young lama pulled from Tibet after the 1949 Chinese invasion and trained up by the Americans — managing to pull the trigger, but suspense is not the object in Chris Mullin's **The Year of the Fire Monkey** (*Chatto & Windus, £13.99*). Interest lies in Mullin's obvious affection for Tibet, that footnote in history, and in the virtues of plain story-telling. *Beta double plus.*

Take an old devil like him

Tim Heald

MEMOIRS
By Kingsley Amis
Hutchinson, £16.99

BY NOW I imagine that most *Times* readers will be familiar with the occasion on which Sir Kingsley Amis and Malcolm Muggeridge so singularly failed to have their way with Sonia Orwell. They may also be aware that the great novelist's grandmother was "a large dreadful hairy-faced creature whom I loathed and feared in a way that I had never felt towards Dadda". Dadda was Sir Kingsley's grandfather, of whom he was obviously relatively fond, because "I have only realised since preparing to write this how much I disliked and was repelled by him".

The memoirs of Sir Kingsley are studded with anecdotes to do with sex and alcohol and with largely negative judgments often of people he scarcely knows, who commit such unpardonable crimes as pouring mingy drinks (Leo Rosten), not taking Sir Kingsley and his work sufficiently seriously (John Wain and Lord David Cecil), or making homosexual passes at his son Martin (Tom Driberg), or himself (Francis Bacon).

The story that most accurately conveys the tone of these rambling and often hazily remembered memoirs is the visit to the Belgian brothel during his army years. "Nothing of note occurred. . . longish solo dance round the room with one leg in and one leg out of my trousers which made the tart laugh a lot. . . I went very quickly to the MO. . . while he daubed my genitals we had some discussion of Virginia Woolf." Drink, sex, mild disaster, money, a little Eng Lit, and the whole informed with a crustacean bleat which started life as a comic device but is wearing thin.

The author himself remains, he protests, "away from centre stage", though this is not entirely true. The authorial voice is so distinctive and loud that Sir Kingsley is never further away than the wings, bawling away with a megaphone. He is, however, notably taciturn about his second wife. This is explained on the grounds that "I have no desire to cause pain" — a desire which manifestly does not extend far.

At times the old boy can still be very funny, a sad reminder that once upon a time he wrote some excellent comic novels. There are also some interesting minor revelations — that Mrs Thatcher has "replaced the Queen as my dream girl". Literally. In Sir Kingsley's dream Mrs Thatcher murmurs at him with "a softness I had never heard her use in life or in any broadcast". What she murmurs is, "You've got such an interesting face." I am not sure that is how I would describe it, even in the Snowdon photograph on the jacket. I think you would guess that it is the face of an incorrigible grump, an irascible old "character".

If so, the book is a miscalculation, because for the most part it seems to be little more than a catalogue of small betrayals, and a bilious settling of trivial scores, laced with a rather grubby misogyny. Even when considering Mrs Thatcher, he does have to add, "Oh God, I thought, never forget she's a bloody woman with the rest of them."

In many respects you would think Sir Kingsley had enjoyed a successful life, which he might look back on with a modicum of pleasure. Evidently not. But I still find it hard to understand what makes the old bugger so bloody angry all the time; and I wonder if, beneath that frankly repellent façade, there isn't a nice man trying to get out.

Gothic artist has gone for a bust

Antonia Bremner

THE GRIMACE
By Nicholas Salaman
Grafton, £13.99

HAPPENSTANCE
The Husband's Story/
The Wife's Story

By Carol Shields
Fourth Estate, £13.99

IN THE opening pages we are presented with a nasty murder, a man who grimaces at himself in a mirror, and a catalogue of face-disfiguring horrors. This is the beginning of the journal of Franz Xaver Froberger, a mid-18th-century genius of classical realism, whose story is clearly not going to turn out to be a comfortable read.

The Grimace is a powerful and complex novel; Nicholas Salaman's gothic reinterpretation of the life of Franz Xaver Messerschmidt (Froberger is a fictional name) becomes quickly compelling as Froberger's journal switches from present to past. Once fêted as the leading sculptor of his day, Froberger was a happy player in the Viennese round of gossip, coffee-houses, and opera. Now he is a broken man, pulling faces at himself in a mirror, and the reason behind lies in his disturbing and metaphysical artistic quest.

Sculpting bronze busts has interested him in the difference between the real self in a person and the semblance of that self in a face. His dream is to find our true selves, rather than the grimace that the world twists us into, so that we can all be simple, unaffected, full of love and respect.

To this end he sets about sculpting 69 busts of himself, each showing a different expression of character (jokingly he names them: Childish Weeper, Lustful Peeping Tom, Man With a Stool Long-Harboured Presently Despatched, etc.), which as a composite work will represent perfect form and degree. Up in the clouds of his thoughts, he pictures himself tapping the secret of mankind.: it is Frankenstein all over again, complete with charnel houses, golden-haired women (all called Johanna), and stormy backdrops.

Back on earth, though, things can conspire against him. A jealous fellow-sculptor blackens his name and steals his patrons. A Capuchin monk with a sideline in the occult kidnaps him. Mesmer, a sinister practitioner of the dark arts of manipulating life currents, needs the grimacing busts for his magnetic seances. This is as much a tantalising statement on the nature of self as a hideously sad tale of artistic genius gone awry. In giving away his features to his work, Froberger has lost his head. Salaman makes each step of the descent utterly credible, yet retains the enduring mystery.

Carol Shields is also interested in proportion, but her subject is domesticity. Last year saw the first British publication of one of her novels, *Mary Swann*, an altogether winning tale of literary detection, which received enthusiastic reviews. In response, Fourth Estate has brought out **Happenstance**, which comprises two novels published separately in Canada, but cleverly bound back to front in this edition. *The Husband's Story* and *The Wife's Story* record a week in the life of Chicago couple Jack and Brenda Bowman, historian and quiltmaker. It is a week when Jack goes to work as normal, and Brenda attends a craft convention in Philadelphia — the first separation in their 20-year marriage. Jack's story comes first. He has to cope alone with a barrage of difficulties from kitchen, kids, colleagues, his book on American trading practices, to a friend's broken marriage and a suicide attempt next door. High drama, indeed, but we are just as interested in how Jack manages to replace his typewriter ribbon (something Brenda always did).

Brenda, on the other hand, deals with a lost coat, a disappointing hotel room, pretentious lectures given by fellow quiltmakers, and the attentions of a handsome metallurgist. The volume is a celebration of marriage as historical accident, and a celebration of all things unpopular in fiction: monogamy, routine, and the concerns of running a household. Against the odds, it makes a delightful portrait of a partnership, full of quirky humour between two people who are at once familiars and strangers to each other, dependants and free spirits.

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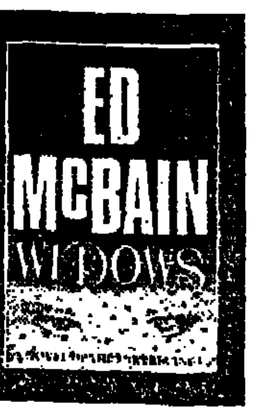


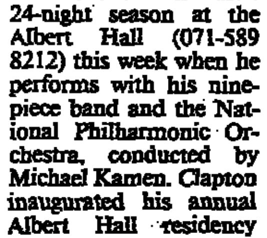
BRIEFING

Brahms missed

THE South Bank's run of bad luck continues. Having lost concerts by the Vienna Philharmonic and the St Louis Symphony Orchestra in recent weeks, because of those orchestras' fears of flying, the Centre has now called off this weekend's "Brahms Experience" at the Queen Elizabeth Hall. Roger Norrington, who devised the Experience concept (Haydn, Beethoven and Berlioz have already been tackled), is ill — so the entire programme of concerts, talks and open rehearsals is postponed until an unspecified date.

Lovely loot

BARBARA Lebow's *A Shayna Maidel*, an off-Broadway success about a family divided by the Holocaust, will open at the Ambassadors Theatre on April 2, almost a year after its fringe run at the King's Head Theatre. Following various setbacks, producers were at last able to rustle up the £150,000 budget; now they have a new leading lady — television star Anita Dobson — in the part originated by Trudy Weiss. The play has also undergone a curious title change: it is now called *My Lovely... Shayna Maidel*.



Anita Dobson: lovely

Last chance...

ERIC Clapton comes to the end of his marathon 24-night season at the Albert Hall (071-589 8212) this week when he performs with his nine-piece band and the National Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Michael Kamen. Clapton inaugurated his annual Albert Hall residency four years ago, and now likes to regard it as rock's equivalent to the Proms. His final performance is on Saturday. Standing tickets are available from the box office.

CINEMA: NEW RELEASES

Murdering for money in the cathedral

Geoff Brown on *The Godfather Part III*, *Fear* and *Berlin Jerusalem*, and a London season honouring film-maker Alexander Mackendrick

At a press conference with Francis Ford Coppola during the recent Berlin Film Festival, one journalist shattered the mood of intellectual reverence: "How much money will you be earning with *The Godfather Part III*?" "Many millions," the director replied; "enough to pay off my debts." Indeed, as Coppola's epic trundles waywardly over the screen, like a lavishly decorated Indian elephant which has mislaid its procession, it is hard to resist the thought that financial, rather than artistic, necessity brought **The Godfather Part III** (15, Empire) into being.

Yet there is one fierce bond between Coppola and the Godfather saga's main character, Michael Corleone (played, as before, by Al Pacino). They are both weighed down by their past. Michael is haunted by family skeletons soaked in blood — the Mafia killings he arranged or executed. Coppola carries the shackles of debts first incurred during his failed Las Vegas romance *One From the Heart*, ten years ago: thanks to interest charges and lawyers' machinations, a $3 million (£1.6 million) loan from a developer has swelled to three times that amount, and brought him near bankruptcy. The past looms large for Coppola in a different sense: aside from *Apocalypse Now*, none of his work since the first two *Godfather* films has achieved the same appeal and approbation. He has seemed a director without a rudder, lurching between journeyman assignments and personal projects, such as *Tucker*, that bemused rather than entertained.

In *The Godfather Part III*, largely filmed at the Cinecittà studios in Rome, Coppola tries desperately to get back on course, without quite succeeding. The story, devised with Mario Puzo, takes a 20-year leap from the concluding events of the first, brilliant, sequel. It is 1979: Michael continues to rule the Corleone dynasty, his brow furrowed with worry over his efforts to leave the next generation a legitimate business empire. There are three children: Vincent, illegitimate son of his late brother Sonny, ushered into Michael's employ; a daughter, Mary, who enjoys a secret love affair with Vincent; and the soft-hearted Anthony, who yearns for a career in opera.

Each person carries their parcel of plot, yet the film — two hours and 40 minutes in length — never seems in a hurry to unwrap them; indeed, some characters, like Bridget Fonda's photo-journalist, are mysteriously dumped after a few scenes. Instead, Coppola lingers indulgently over clan gatherings, rich in Catholic clergy and Italian-American *bonhomie*, or brooding discussions about ethics and methods in dark-panelled rooms. Action is relegated to sudden lurches (Vincent biting a colleague's ear, a helicopter raid on a high-rise Mob meeting) or the grandiose finale, where four murders are fiendishly intercut with Anthony's debut in *Cavalleria rusticana*.

Working alongside *Godfather* veterans such as cameraman Gordon Willis and production designer Dean Tavoularis, Coppola ensures a high visual sheen: the opera finale, set in Sicily, shimmers with special audacity. Yet there is no fresh air: by this point in the saga, the Corleones move in a hermetic landscape of sombre opulence with little meaning beyond the *Godfather* films themselves. Glimpses of the world outside enter when Michael deals with an affiliated partner of the Vatican Bank; but memories of the Banco Ambrosiano business and other pontifical mysteries are quickly dissipated. In the studied flamboyance of Coppola's style, the sharp prick of reality eludes this film entirely.

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Al Pacino, released from the deep freeze that gripped Michael Corleone in *Part II*, moves through his scenes with haggard aplomb, though he scarcely seems like someone in his sixties. The make-up artistes are even kinder to Talia Shire (the family matriarch) and Diane Keaton (Michael's ex-wife) — two other troupers from the earlier films — but they convince through sheer force of acting. The one weak link in the cast's long chain is Coppola's own daughter Sofia, a late and ill-advised replacement for Winona Ryder in the part of the love-stricken Mary. From her looks and speech, she seems to have slotted in her scenes during a hard day on the California shopping malls; the entire love affair between Mary and Vincent (an agreeably smouldering Andy Garcia) is drained of resonance.

During shooting, Coppola predicted the film would be "the cathedral of *Godfather* movies". It can boast a cathedral's size, plus a scattering of gargoyles. But a cathedral's soul is missing — lost in the stampede to rekindle old magic and re-capture Coppola's grand achievements of 20 years ago.

The psychological chiller **Fear** (18, Cannon Panton Street) played only on television in America, yet it fits the cinema screen reasonably well. The heroine is Cayce Bridges, a demure young woman whose intense psychic experiences have prompted three best-sellers. One look at a police detective, and she can tell he started the day with a cold spaghetti sandwich; though she spends most time, poor thing, in tune with the experiences of brutal murderers (portrayed on film in a dainty blue haze).

Cayce meets her match when she stumbles into the mind of a serial killer, psychic himself, who writes "Fear me" in blood above his victims. Police dub him the Shadowman, and shadowy he remains: the film's spotlight is fixed securely on the woman in peril, played by Ally Sheedy with a coy, vulnerable demeanour that sometimes hits the target and sometimes just curls one's toes.

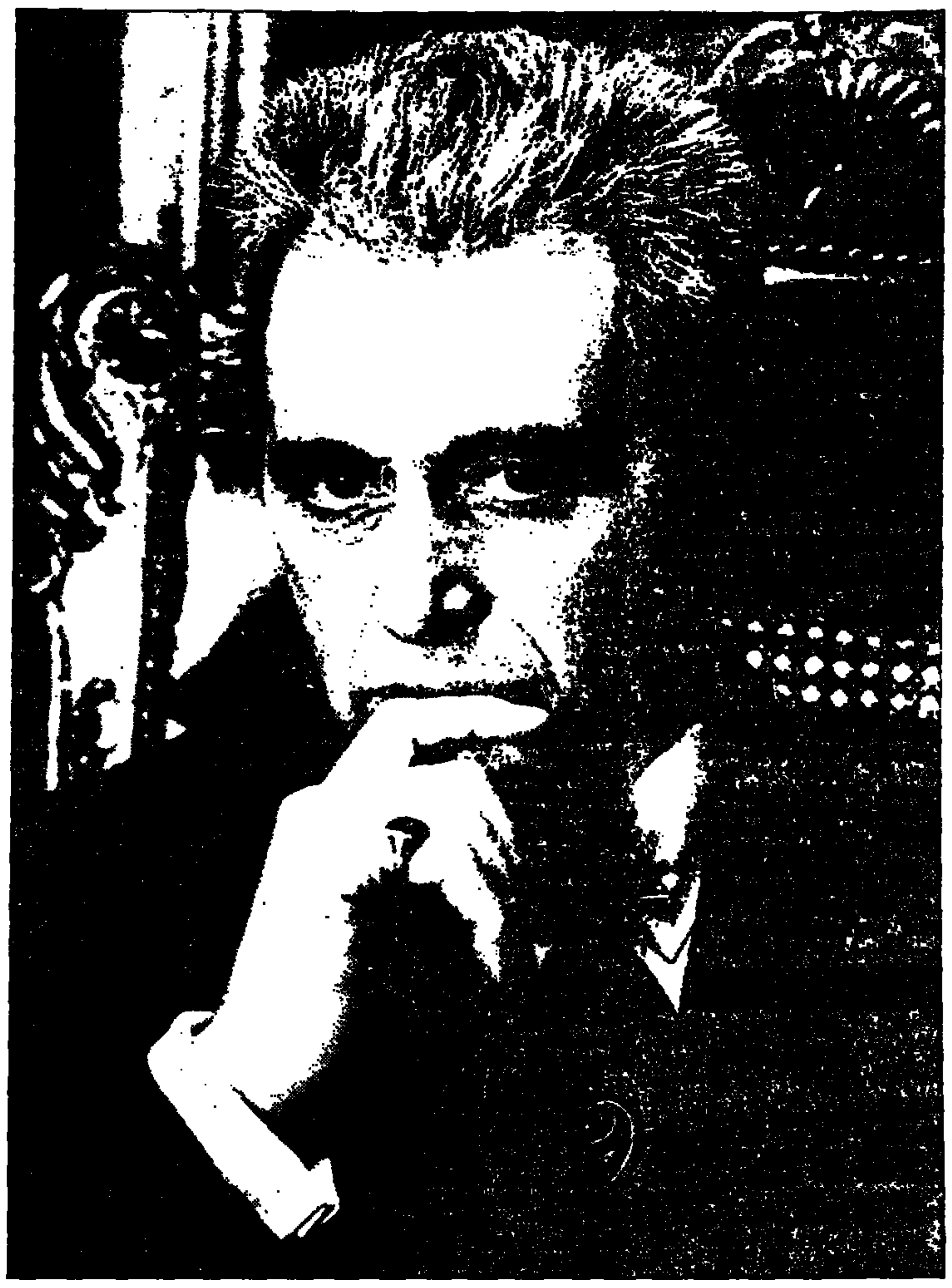
Writer-director Rockne O'Bannon pursues the material with a steady tread that allows for little humour, even when Cayce's psychic mind tracks the Shadowman to his launderette. But he maintains suspense, and springs the odd surprise. A pity inspiration dries up at the end: the film deserves a far juicier finale than a tired old shoot-out in a carnival hall of mirrors.

If *Fear* fails to titillate mainstream audiences, they will find little recompense in **Berlin Jerusalem** (ICA Cinema), an unwieldy conundrum from the Israeli film-maker Amos Gitai, unveiled at the Venice Film Festival in 1989. Gitai's aims are clear: an exploration of the Zionist dream and its disillusioning reality. But his methods sow confusion and discord.

One layer pursues scenes from the life of Elsa Lasker-Schüler, a German expressionist poet in Berlin who emigrated to Palestine after the Nazi's rise to power. A second layer follows Tania, a revolutionary spirit — based on another historical character, Mania Shochat — who fled Russia, and formed one of Palestine's pioneer collectives. Berlin scenes are staged in the studio in a lurid, artificial manner, with tableaux aping George Grosz paintings and other visual artefacts of the Weimar Republic. For Palestine, the camera of the French veteran Henri Alekan prowls round locations with a neo-realist eye, catching the characters as they establish the ground rules for their egalitarian society. Then, at the end, a long travelling shot shifts eerily in time between Jerusalem in the 1930s and the present turmoil of the Promised Land.

The dislocated styles make life hard for both actors and audience, without huge intellectual rewards, though the cameraman and sound crew clearly enjoyed the technical challenges. Over the scenes, Markus Stockhausen — Karlheinz Stockhausen's trumpet-playing son — contributes a melancholy music score; it casts a spell while it lasts, but nothing can quite shift the film from the arid state of an interesting idea insufficiently fleshed out in cinematic form.

Finally, a warm welcome to the National Film Theatre's March season of films directed by **Alexander Mackendrick**, timed to coincide with the appearance of Philip Kemp's highly readable critical biography, *Lethal Innocence* (Methuen, £17.99). In films such as *The Ladykillers* and *The Man in the White Suit*, Mackendrick put bite into the whimsies of Ealing comedy, and shot his scripts with a cinematic flair rarely equalled among his colleagues. Transported to the United States, he showed his fangs in the corrosive *Sweet Smell of Success*. Later, in the Sixties, he brought subversive insights and emotional depth to films viewed by their financiers as simple family fun — *A High Wind in Jamaica* and *Sammy Going South*. Mackendrick's perfectionism and intransigence stunted his career; he has not directed since 1967. It is a great loss, especially considering some of the idiots who are now at the helm. See the films; read the book.



Haggard aplomb: Al Pacino returns to the role of Michael Corleone in *The Godfather Part III*, during the shooting of which, Coppola predicted it would be "the cathedral of *Godfather* movies"

CINEMA: INTERVIEW

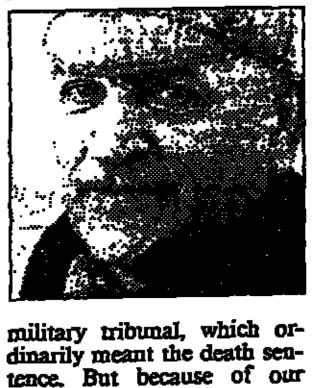
A Russian boy returns

David Robinson meets Michael Kalik, a Soviet film-maker active again after 20 years of suppression

Four years after glasnost, another major talent has just been retrieved from the obscurity which was the fate of Soviet artists who did not follow the precarious paths of official ideology. The film director Michael Kalik was making a reputation abroad in the late Sixties when he fell foul of the Soviet authorities. After that, for more than 20 years both he and his films disappeared. Last month, however, the Rotterdam Film Festival resurrected two of his films from the Sixties, *Goodbye Boys* and *To Love*, fresh and vital as ever.

Kalik's story has a happier end than that of many of his contemporaries. At 64 he is energetic, unembittered and full of projects. After almost 20 years in exile he is directing a new film in Leningrad.

Kalik was born in 1927 in Moscow, to a family of actors. His political troubles began in 1951 when he and four fellow students were arrested and put on trial for "Zionist activities". "We were tried before a military tribunal, which ordinarily meant the death sentence. But because of our youth, we were sent to the gulag instead. I was released and rehabilitated after Stalin's death, so I only served two and a half years."



Between 1957 and 1960 Kalik made three feature films. In 1962 *A Man Follows the Sun* earned good reviews and a prize at the Moscow Festival, but a rebuke from the Central Committee for "its search for new forms at all costs". Then, in 1964, came *Goodbye Boys*, which recounts the adventures of three boys waiting for their call-up for the second world war.

Kalik's great gifts lie in creating characters of immediate human reality, and atmospheres of an extraordinary, palpable intensity. Both the charm and (for the authorities of the time) the danger of the film lie in its pervasive atmosphere — elegiac and foreboding, despite the sunshine and the fun. The title signals this mood, an elegy for a generation that was to be destroyed if not by Hitler, then by Stalin. *Goodbye Boys* was not banned, but it was condemned to release in a few out-of-the-way cinemas.

Kalik's next film, *To Love*, was a riskier undertaking, but the climate of 1967 seemed more liberal. The film is in three episodes, on different aspects of love, involving a montage of the views on the subject of real-life Muscovites. The film has some dated period touches, but Kalik's gifts for character and atmosphere still prevail. However, the *vox populi* interludes, revealing a young generation deprived of hope or faith, inevitably caused trouble.

Kalik became the victim of a smear campaign and was expelled from the Union of Film Makers. Finally, though, in 1971 he emigrated to Israel, where he created his own small production outfit. "Professionally it succeeded, but artistically it was impossible. I was more than 40, and a Russian. I love my country, and it is only as a Russian and in Russia that I can really work as an artist."

Two years ago he was invited back to the Soviet Union where he was able to find and restore his old films. Now Kalik is enthusiastic about his first Russian film for almost 25 years. "It will be autobiographical, with the gulag and the rest of my life. And there will be quotations from *Goodbye Boys*. That is still my favourite film."

Battlements in SW5

Tosca is coming to Earls Court. **Richard Morrison** looks at the losers and winners when opera takes to the arenas

The British have undergone a remarkable, and largely unexpected, conversion to opera in the last 20 years. Much of that expansion has been generated by traditionally-based companies, working in opera houses. But considerable credit — more, perhaps, than the opera establishment would ever admit — is due to "stadium opera": the trend towards mounting spectacular events in big arenas.

Stadium opera borrows its promotional, merchandising and stage techniques (and, of course, its penchant for massive amplification) from the rock world. Its audiences are unfettered by the "stuffy" conventions that are perceived as the norm in opera houses. Opera is presented as entertainment, not high art. And, in that form, it is proving enormously popular.

Stadium opera marches on again this summer. At Earls Court, following the *Aida* and *Carmen* shows of recent years, *Tosca* is being presented by Harvey Goldsmith and John Webber in the last week of June. There are five performances, a cast of nearly 300 headed by the ever-effervescent Julia Migenes, and a reported budget of £2.5 million. But with tickets priced from £45 to £25 the potential pay-off in this vast arena is considerable, and the production is also scheduled for Australia and Japan.

Responding, perhaps, to charges that their previous efforts had a slight whiff of vulgarity about them ("Barnumry for the late Eighties" was *The Times* critic's verdict on *Carmen* two years ago) the promoters have engaged Elaine Padmore as artistic director. She has impeccably high-brow credentials: a former BBC head of opera, she now runs the Wexford Festival, where the cognoscenti flock to resuscitations of little-known gems. But despite the promoters' interesting claim that "Earls Court will be transformed into Rome 1800", the emphasis will undoubtedly be more on action than authenticity.

By coincidence, *Tosca* is also chosen by the Royal Opera for its annual attempt to present itself as a champion of populist art. It returns to the Kenwood lakeside — with its dinky fake bridge and lush Repton tree-scape — where its non-staged performances have drawn crowds of around 10,000 in successive summers, first for *Cavalleria rusticana* and *I Pagliacci*, then for *La Bohème*. *Tosca*, with Placido Domingo and Maria Ewing, will be a big crowd-puller on July 14; Verdi's *Attila*, with Ruggero Raimondi, may not seem quite so appealing to the picnic-bearing denizens of Hampstead and Highgate on June 30.

Yet these *alfresco* excursions by the Royal Opera are, in one sense, more important than the most glittering first night at Covent Garden: the company probably wins more new friends in one chilly, heavily-amplified evening than in a whole season in the opera house. The pity is that the Royal Opera's "big screen" relays of live operas to the Covent Garden piazza have fallen foul of the Noise Abatement Act, which prohibits broadcasting music in the street after 9pm.

But the Royal Opera's plans to take cycles of Wagner's *Ring* to the Albert Hall — with cheaper seats than would ever be possible at Covent Garden — are apparently still intact, even though the Albert Hall *Rings* were originally intended to happen during the closure of Covent Garden for rebuilding after 1993. That now seems indefinitely postponed.

Historians will point out that stadium opera is nothing new: at the Verona Arena, open-air stagings have been entertaining crowds of 20,000 since 1913. What is new is the high-pressure salesmanship: that probably began with the extraordinary productions of *Aida* at the Temple of Luxor and the Pyramids five years ago (dreadful in acoustic terms, but with an impressive parade of livestock).

Purists will continue to shudder at the blatant gaudiness of stadium opera, and it is true that big or open-air arenas are not places for subtle exchanges. Opera is reduced to its raw essentials: love and death, tunes and top notes. But Puccini might not have objected to that.

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DONALD COOPER

Model restraint: Antony Sher in Steven Berkoff's National Theatre staging of Kafka's *The Trial*

THEATRE

The Trial
Lyttelton

THE meeting of Kafka's forlorn anti-hero, Joseph K., with his lawyer is not an event readers of *The Trial* are likely to remember. As staged by Steven Berkoff, it is one most people will have to battle to forget. Matthew Scurfield, who plays the part, is not just snoozy, inept and a bit sadistic. He heaves around the stage, a man-mattress who coughs, growls and titanically farts. Lackeys clear away his excrement and, after he has collapsed to the floor, thump his heart and give him the kiss of life. For five, ten minutes this Rabelaisian Rumpole hijacks the play.

This may please those who like vaudeville effects and value theatrical invention for its own sake. But does it altogether serve Kafka? There were times on Tuesday night when I for one wondered if I was caught up less in Joseph's grim emotional journey, more in Berkoff's bravura imagination.

Still, the journey remains. Antony Sher's Joseph wakes up to find government bruisers who simply announce that "proceedings will be instituted against you". He never finds out why he has been arrested. Defence lawyers are not allowed to read court papers. Defendants never see their judges. The role of the victim is to protest, seek reassurances, harbour hopes, flounder, and die.

George Steiner called the world of *The Trial* "the classic model of the terror state". In his introduction to his adaptation, Berkoff talks less of killer-bureaucracies or totalitarian regimes than of a personal remorse he attributes to Joseph's "betrayal of his inner spirit to the safety of mediocrity". The production itself, however, suggests nothing so distinct. Salacious women wander in and out. The voice of a father as heavy as Kafka's own booms instructions from offstage, leaving Joseph muttering, "in front of you I lose all self-confidence and exchange it for an infinite sense of guilt." This man's psychopathology is complex, cloudy; and rightly so.

The trouble is the staging, striking though it can be. A cast in grey waistcoats and black dresses has been furnished with steel door-frames which become walls, corridors, mirrors, or individual cubby-holes within Joseph's bank. Now the cast is energetically miming typewriting or filing, now travelling to work on a bus, now simply sitting on chairs round the stage's rim, bleakly crooning or spectrally humming.

But this drab, sinister world has its irritatingly attention-getting moments. Suddenly an actor becomes a cast-off blouse, of all things. Sher himself plays an overcoat draped over someone's shoulders. The mere phrase "an old tune was murdered by an organ-grinder" brings onstage a grimacing, fag-puffing Thespian to make pumping movements. Berkoff himself gratuitously transforms a charlatan artist into a spoof Italian with moustachios as absurdly flamboyant as his ice-cream salesman's accent.

The undoubted success, though, is Sher. His Joseph is at first the punctilious clerk, a tinpot official so confident of his rectitude that accusations of wrong-doing almost amuse him. But events insidiously erode him into a waxen, exhausted shrimp, invisibly twitching and impotently squawking "you scoundrels" at enemies he never meets. Sher shows the slow process of shrinkage and does so with a restraint that somehow maintains emotional power. Would that were true of the production as a whole.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

THEATRE

Heaven
Lilian Baylis

YOUR critic appears to be on a Dantean trail at the moment: purgatory one night, heaven the next. If that suggests a neat bypassing of hell, such a comforting thought fails to take account of irony on the one hand and understatement on the other. MarieLuise Fleisser's Ingolstadt, in the play reviewed here on Monday, was as hellish as any place on earth has a right to be.

This "Heaven" is the gay nightclub in London, recreated in Isabella Bywater's expansive design by a neon light, above a doorway set into a dank-looking grey arch, beyond which a scrofulous tree stoops over an iron railing. In a promising opening, a down-and-out tiptoes on with infinitely careful steps, protecting not the sleep of a fellow dosser but his own corns, then turns his blanket into a bird's wings before denying the illusion. This is Billy, by far the most interesting character in Sarah Aicher's play, and treated to a superbly expressive performance by Sam Dale. There is potential, too, in the relationship between Jeff Harding's Blair, a smarmily self-confident bisexual Texan, and Crispin Redman's petulant Steven, a well observed study in uneasy English decency.

That is just about the end of the good news. The dramatic vessel begins to leak, then list, then scupper itself: meetings between the two lovers and the down-and-outs are both forced and inconclusive, then a preposterous coincidence takes us on into a second act which the material does not justify. Action gives way to reminiscence; Billy starts muttering in Spanish and is credited with a luridly improbable past. Andy Jordan's direction fails to rein in the melodrama in the writing and the result is too much ranting.

Aicher, 29 years old, was one of the victims of the bomb on Pan-Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie. She was clearly a writer of talent; what was lost in that terrible wreckage was promise rather than, in the case of this, her first play, achievement. This posthumous premiere is an entirely understandable but misguided act of homage.

HARRY EYRES

THEATRE

The Cheviot, The Stag and the Black, Black Oil
Clyde Theatre, Glasgow

CREATED in 1973 by John McGrath and a team of gifted performers, *The Cheviot, The Stag and the Black, Black Oil* launched not only 7:84 (Scotland) but also the careers of actors such as Bill Paterson and Alex Norton. This history of 300 years' exploitation of the Highlands — done with anger, humour and music — has since acquired classic status.

Another member of that cast, John Bett, has now directed the first professional revival of *The Cheviot* for the Wildcat theatre company. He is obviously acutely aware of the original production, but *The Cheviot* was created at a time when its up-front agit-prop style, mixing music and message, was new and fresh, when every lamp post in Scotland sported a sticker claiming "It's Scotland's oil" and nationalism was a burning public issue. Unless the play is revised with this in mind, it is always going to look dated.

Its early part, dealing with the Clearances of the Highlanders and their replacement by sheep and sporting estates, still rings true. But, partly because of *The Cheviot*, Scots today have a heightened awareness of this era; Bett should have taken advantage of the last 20 years of historical research to revise some of the text.

His production is played in front of Colin MacNeil's splendid Landseer-like backdrop. The enthusiastic but inexperienced cast, however, seemed too aware of their illustrious predecessors. Jimmy Chisholm and Paul Morrow battled valiantly to entertain, but relied too much on extraneous mugging that often detracted from the seriousness of the piece. As before, it was folk music — and in particular the unaccompanied Gallic singing of Alyxis Daly — that made the greatest emotional impact.

The audience still relished the music and the humour, but it seems unlikely that this production will inspire a new generation of Scots to think more carefully about their country in the way that the first *Cheviot* did.

ALASDAIR CAMERON

CONCERT

BBC SO/Wigglesworth
Barbican Hall/Radio 3

ONE laughs at the Soviet cultural bureaucrats who, deeply divided over the quality of Shostakovich's Tenth Symphony when it appeared in the year of Stalin's death, came up with the compromise formula "optimistic tragedy" to describe it. But then that decision itself proves that optimistic tragedies are possible, and such a blatant internal contradiction is not at all unjust to a work whose long, passionate labour of self-searching is neither confounded nor resolved by the quick, bright curtain music. This closing section is too sunny and too brief to carry the ironic charge of, say, the finale of the Fifth Symphony. But neither can it be felt to be correct: it leaves the whole previous part of the work drumming darkly in the mind, like a great charge of electricity with nothing to conduct it away.

In this performance the voltage was particularly high. The young conductor Mark Wigglesworth built the first and third movements with steady care, allowing scope for playing of fierce determination from the strings and for thoughtful wind solos, and making sure each movement achieved its single climax with intense force: that of the first movement was extraordinarily malignant, shaking in its power. But the second movement was simply too fast. The BBC Symphony Orchestra, to its great credit, was almost up to Wigglesworth's helter-skelter tempo, but the strain was obvious, and in any case the grotesqueness is not heightened but smoothed away by extreme speed.

In the first half Wigglesworth had given a distinctly Shostakovichian view of Britten in a performance of the Prelude and Fugue for Strings which seemed to stretch the music from top to bottom, emphasising the tension between registers. There had also been the first performance of Dominic Muldowney's Three Pieces, each for three orchestral groups working to different beats.

This might suggest an abstract, early-Stockhausen cast of thought, but Muldowney is not afraid of the mire. With much use of saxophone, muted brass and lazily ticking percussion, his work has a generally sleazy atmosphere suggestive of the small hours in a night club somewhere not very fashionable. There is a trace of Weill in this, but Muldowney does not bite. Indeed, his attitude to his material appears curiously uninvolved, as if bits had been thrown into the multi-metronome machinery and allowed to be chopped up: his finale is a kaleidoscope fantasy on a scrap of a polka by Stravinsky, a movement whose purpose is as perplexing as that of Shostakovich's close.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

AVALON (U): Engaging personal saga about immigrant experience and post-war breakup of family life, by *Rain Man* director Barry Levinson. Fine performances by Armin Mueller-Stahl, Joan Plowright.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

BUDDY'S SONG (12): Roger Daltrey as an ageing pop musician whose tedious marital problems are resolved through the musical talents of his son. Director, Claude Whatham.
Cannons: Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeons: Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

C'EST LA VIE (12): Evocative autobiographical recollection by French director Diane Kurys: a childhood seaside holiday soured by marital breakup. With Nathalie Baye.
Barbican (071-638 8891).

GREEN CARD (12): Marriage of convenience becomes unbearable when slobbish Gérard Depardieu moves in with uptight Andie MacDowell. Likeable New York romantic comedy; director, Peter Weir.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) West End (071-930 5252/7615) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

CURRENT

CYRANO DE BERGERAC (U): Oscar nominee Gérard Depardieu masterful as the lovelorn, long-nosed Cyrano; director Jean-Paul Rappeneau transforms Rostand's play into magnificent, swashbuckling cinema.
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) Lumière (071-836 0691) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Renoir (071-837 8402).

DANCES WITH WOLVES (12): Kevin Costner as the Civil War lieutenant sucked into the Sioux's way of life. Over-reverent, though Costner mounts his directorial debut with aplomb. Nominated for 12 Oscars.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324) Warner (071-439 0791).

DECEMBER BRIDE (PG): Irish tale of a strong-willed servant girl; bogged down by dour atmosphere, but enlivened by Saskia Reeves. Director, Thaddeus O'Sullivan.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148).

◆ THE GRIFTERS (18): Stephen Frears' disjointed version of Jim Thompson's con-artist thriller. John Cusack, Anjelica Huston, Annette Bening, stranded in a glossy limbo.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324) Warner (071-439 0791).

MEET THE APPLEGATES (15): Insects in human form succumb to American vices. Lunatic satirical comedy from *Heathers* director Michael Lehmann. Ed Begley Jr, Stockard Channing.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631).

METROPOLITAN (15): Whit Stillman's wickedly ironic comedy of manners set among New York's debutantes and preppies. Witty dialogue, elegant direction. With Edward Clements, Carolyn Farina.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Minema (071-235 4225) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

MILLER'S CROSSING (18): Prohibition gang warfare from the brothers Coen: brooding, labyrinthine, over-laden with words and smart artifice. Gabriel Byrne, Albert Finney.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Gate (071-727 4043).

MR AND MRS BRIDGE (PG): Eloquent portrait of an upper middle-class American marriage, from Evan S. Connell's novels. Joanne Woodward, Paul Newman; director, James Ivory.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

THE NASTY GIRL (PG): Provocative, funny assault on Germany's Nazi past, with Lena Stolze as the girl uncovering her home town's shady history.
Premiere (071-439 4470) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

◆ PACIFIC HEIGHTS (15): Evil tenant Michael Keaton makes life hell for landlords Matthew Modine and Melanie Griffith. Strenuous, implausible thriller; director, John Schlesinger.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Haymarket (071-839 7697) Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ POSTCARDS FROM THE EDGE (15): Caustic Tinseltown comedy, with a few tears, from Carrie Fisher's novel. Meryl Streep as the drug-abused actress; Shirley MacLaine as her mother. Director, Mike Nichols.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ REVERSAL OF FORTUNE (15): Oscar nominee Jeremy Irons as the inscrutable Claus von Bulow, tried for the attempted murder of his wife. Brilliant unravelling of a recent enigma, director, Barbet Schroeder.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631).

◆ THE RUSSIA HOUSE (12): Serpentine spy games with Sean Connery and Michelle Pfeiffer. Muted thriller from John Le Carré's novel; director, Fred Schepisi.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THE SHELTERING SKY (18): A chilling novel (by Paul Bowles) filmed with a warming visual sweep by Bernardo Bertolucci. With John Malkovich and Debra Winger.
Plaza (071-497 9999).

SHORT TIME (12): Dabney Coleman as a cop who believes he has a fatal illness. Ignore the sentiment and savour the black comedy. Director, Gregg Champion.
Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

TILAI (PG): Formidably beautiful African tale of love versus village traditions from Idrissa Ouedraogo, director of *Yaaba*.
Metro (071-437 0757) Renoir (071-837 8402).

TO SLEEP WITH ANGER (12): Charles Burnett's magical tale of a surprise visitor (Danny Glover) bringing superstition and evil into a troubled Los Angeles family.
Metro (071-437 0757).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London

- ■ House full, returns only
- ◪ Some seats available
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◪ ALL IN THE WRONG: Sam Walters' bright new theatre opens with an amiable 18th-century romp of sexual misunderstandings.
Orange Tree, 45 Kew Road, Richmond (081-940 3633). Underground/BR: Richmond. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 45mins. Closes March 30.

☐ THE BATTLE OF AUGHRIM: Muddled though intriguing 18th-century heroic tragedy as performed by 19th-century Thespians. London-Irish arts festival production.
The Irish Centre, Murray Street, NW1 (071-624 3158). Underground: Camden Town. Tonight, 8pm.

☐ CHILDREN OF EDEN: Genial musical jinks round Genesis, supplied by John Caird and Stephen Schwartz.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 50mins.

◪ CROMWELL: Imaginative staging of Brendan Kennelly's poem sequence on Anglo-Irish violence: 80 minutes of dense, vivid imagery. London-Irish arts festival production.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Underground: Shepherds Bush. Mon-Sat, 8pm. Running time: 1hr 15mins. Closes March 16.

■ FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE: Marvellous jazzy revue packed with Louis Jordan numbers. An evening of joy.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 3686). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm. Running time: 1hr 45mins.

☐ 42ND STREET: Irresistible tap-dancing novice-to-star musical back in town to give everyone a tonic.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 9562). Underground: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins. Closes April 20.

☐ A FREE COUNTRY: Jews hiding in a farmhouse in Vichy France: disappointingly low-key drama. Last week.
Tricycle, Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Underground: Kilburn. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 45mins.

◪ THE HOMECOMING: Warren Mitchell and others seducing and seduced by Cherie Lunghi in Peter Hall's Pinter revival.
Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins.

☐ THE KING AND I: Susan Hampshire and Koshiro Matsumoto IX in old-fashioned show, packed with a wealth of hit songs.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916). Underground: Angel. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 50mins. Closes March 30.

☐ OUT OF ORDER: Donald Sinden puffs, Michael Williams panics, in Ray Cooney's over-plotted, under-developed farce.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Underground: Holborn. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins. Closes March 16.

☐ PURGATORY IN INGOLSTADT: Violence and cruelty among school children in pre-Hitler Germany: superb production of MarieLuise Fleisser's prescient 1924 play.
Gate, Prince Albert Pub, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706). Underground: Notting Hill Gate. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. In repertory with *Pioneers in Ingolstadt*. Closes March 30.

☐ THE REHEARSAL: Ian McDiarmid's stylish production (costumes by Jasper Conran) of Anouilh's study of a callous seduction.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-379 6107). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins.

☐ THE RISING OF THE MOON: Excellently-acted first play by James Doherty: survivors of a Glasgow-Irish childhood fight over their past.
Old Red Lion, 418 St John Street, EC1 (071-837 7816). Underground: Angel. Tues-Sun, 8pm. Running time 2hrs 5mins. Closes March 23.

☐ THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW: Raucous and wild, bold and bizarre; sometimes deafening, sometimes inaudible rock musical.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 7pm and 9.15pm. Running time: 1hr 30mins.

■ SILLY COW: Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners, centred around Dawn French as a ghoulish tabloid journo sued for libel.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. Running time: 2hrs 10mins.

☐ THE TRACKERS OF OXYRHYNCHUS: Revival of Tony Harrison's brilliant version of a Greek satyr play, intertwining modern and ancient themes of elitist art and cultural poverty.
National (Olivier), South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252). Underground/BR: Waterloo. Tonight, 7.15pm, mat today, 2pm. Running time: 1hr 50mins.

◪ TWELFTH NIGHT: Peter Hall's autumnal production, stressing comedy and motive: with Eric Porter, Dinsdale Landen.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Underground: Embankment. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. Running time: 2hrs 40mins.

◪ THE VISIT: Théâtre de Complicité triumph in Dürrenmatt's black comedy of revenge and corruption.
National (Lyttelton) (as above). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.15pm. Running time: 2hrs 55mins.

☐ WHAT THE BUTLER SAW: Incest, assault and bisexual junketing preserved in the aspic of Joe Orton's wit.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 6pm and 8.40pm. Running time: 2hrs.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ Absurd Person Singular: Whitehall (071-867 1119) . . . ◪ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ◪ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ☐ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ☐ Hidden Laughter: Vaudeville (071-836 9987) . . . ☐ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) . . . ☐ Shirley Valentine: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) . . . ☐ A Slice of Saturday Night: Arts (071-836 2132) . . . ◪ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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TODAY'S EVENTS

LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: An all-Shostakovich programme conducted by the composer's son Maxim, with Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg performing in his Violin Concerto No 1 in A minor. Symphony No 8 in C minor completes the programme.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.45pm.

THE PHILHARMONIA: Veteran Italian maestro Carlo Maria Giulini conducts an all-Brahms concert comprising the First Symphony and soloist Daniel Barenboim performing the Piano Concerto No 1.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm.

DIE ZAUBERFLOTE: August Everding's everlasting production of Mozart's opera is revived by Helmut Lehberger. The distinguished German baritone Olaf Bär makes an impressive Papageno. Good contributions from Joan Rodgers, Anne-Marie Owens, Anthony Michaels-Moore and Linda Kitchen. Stephen Barlow conducts.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), 7pm.

THE TWILIGHT OF THE TSARS: As part of the South Bank's Russian Festival, the Hayward devotes its latest exhibition to exploring the period of the last two Tsars with over 500 works from some of the Soviet Union's most important collections.
Hayward Gallery, South Bank Centre, London SE1 (071-928 3144), 10am-8pm, until May 19.

PHOENIX DANCE COMPANY: Now regarded as one of Britain's leading black dance troupes, the company showcases its latest programme of work at the Spring Loaded festival.
The Place, Duke's Road, London WC1 (071-387 0031), 8pm.

MAP OF THE HEART: Opening night of a new drama by *Shadowlands* author William Nicholson, directed by Peter Wood. Patrick Malahide stars as the central character — dissatisfied married man Albie Steadman — Sinead Cusack plays his wife and Susan Woolridge is the "other woman".
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1 (071-437 3667), 7pm.

JASHAN-E-BAHAR: A three-week festival celebrating music and arts from Pakistan — taking place across London, Manchester, Bradford, Birmingham and Glasgow — gets underway in London with a traditional-style performance by poet and musician Aziz Mian, an exponent of the hypnotic Qawwali music of the Sufis.
Hackney Empire, Mare Street, London E8 (071-353 2222), 8.30pm.

DOUBLE DEALER: Gemma Eddington's excellent touring production of Congreve's comedy sparkles with wit and intrigue, well acted by a disparate group of fops, fools and connivers: Paul Eddington, Michael Mears, Deborah Cornelius and Jerome Willis. The play moves to Guildford's Yvonne Arnaud Theatre on March 18.
Wolsey Theatre, Civic Drive, Ipswich (0473 253725), 7.45pm.

DREAM WARRIORS: The Jamaican-Canadian partnership of King Lou and Capital Q from Toronto round off their tour with a performance tonight in Newcastle and then tomorrow at The Tunnel, Glasgow.
Newcastle Polytechnic, Ellison Place, Newcastle-upon-Tyne (091-232 8761), 7.30pm.

GUILDFORD FESTIVAL: Guildford's first international music festival continues with the highly proficient Brodsky String Quartet, performing a programme of Mozart, Schubert and Prokofiev.
University of Surrey (Lecture Theatre D), Guildford (0483 444007), 8pm.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

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(b) Serious and consequential activity, perilous and responsible doings, from serious baseball as opposed to softball: "It's going to be hardball. We're talking about physicians losing money."

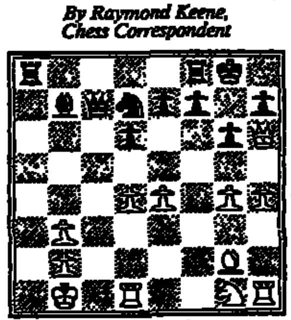
TACH
(c) A clasp, buckle, or hook, from the OF *tache* fibula (14th century): "Tachs of gold connecting together the curtains of the tabernacle."

KILFUD-YOKING
(b) A fireside disputation, from the Scottish *kilfuddie* the aperture for feeding a kiln + *yoking* as much work as is done at a stretch: "A stramash and raised voices could be heard from the ingle nook where the three old friends were at their evening entertainment of kilfud-yoking."

EPIDOTE
(b) A greenish mineral, silicate of calcium, aluminium, and iron, from the Greek *epididonai* to give in addition, from the great length of the base of the crystal: "Epidote seldom gives direct evidence of its derivation from pyroxenic minerals."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



This position is from the game Gasanov — Arkelov, Baku 1960. Black has a threatening posture on the open files leading to the White king. How can he make the most of these? Solution tomorrow.

Solution to yesterday's position: 1 Rd8+! Nxd8 2 Qxd8+ Kh7 3 Ng5+ Kh6 4 Nxf7+! Qxf7 5 Qh4+ Kg6 6 Qh5 mate.

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BBC 1

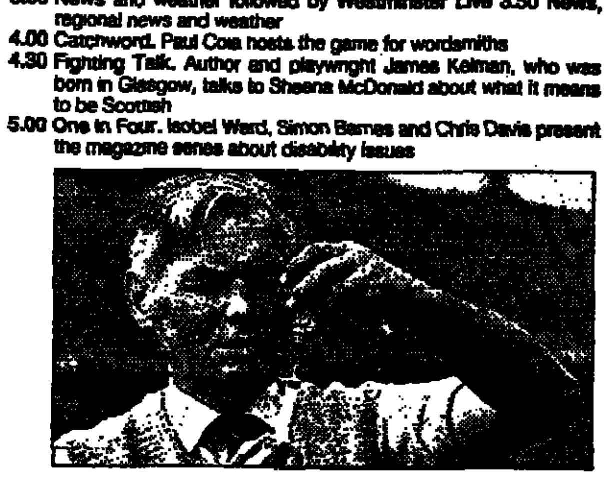
6.00 Ceefax
6.30 Breakfast News
9.15 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk hosts a discussion on the country's gun laws 9.55 Regional News and weather
10.00 News and weather 10.05 Playdays. Includes a visit to St Ives, Cornwall 10.30 Dish of the Day cooked up by Rosemary Moon 10.40 Going For Gold. Quiz game with European contestants (r)
11.00 News, regional news and weather 11.05 People Today. A look at the lives of people across Britain, including *Open Line*, a chance for viewers to express their opinions
12.00 News, regional news and weather 12.05 Rosemary Conley's Diet and Fitness Club 12.20 Scene Today. Entertainment live from Pebble Mill 12.55 Regional News and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) 1.50 Going for Gold. Henry Kelly hosts the European quiz game
2.15 Film: Seven Women (1966) starring Anne Bancroft, Margaret Leighton and Flora Robson. Sturdy melodrama set in Thirties China about a group of women trapped in an isolated mission overrun by bandits. The last film directed by John Ford 3.40 Cartoon
3.50 Dooby's Duck Truck. Puppet comedy starring a disco-dancing duck 3.55 Gordon the Gopher with Phillip Schofield 4.05 Jimbo and the Jet Set. Cartoon (r) 4 10 Jackanory. Penelope Wilton with part four of Mrs Henry de la Pasture's *The Unlucky Family* 4.20 Fantastic Max. Cartoon about a bionic baby (r) 4.35 Dizzy Heights. Puppet comedy set in a hotel
5.00 Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter presented by Yvette Fielding, John Leslie and Diane-Louise Jordan. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) Northern Ireland. Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with John Humphrys and Andrew Harvey. Weather
6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Nicky Campbell (simultaneous broadcast with Radio 1)
7.30 *EastEnders. More domestic warfare among the residents of Albert Square.* (Ceefax)

The way ahead: Kate Bellingham, Howard Stableford (8.00pm)

8.00 Tomorrow's World: Roads to Freedom? News from Europe on what the future holds for transport. With roads seizing up through the sheer volume of traffic, there are reports on alternatives, including high-speed trains and plans for air traffic control, as well as new technology for roads. With Judith Hann, Howard Stableford, Kate Bellingham and Peter Macann
8.30 Doctor at the Top: The VIP. Tepid comedy series that catches up with the characters of the Seventies series *Doctors on the Go* 20 years later. The staff of St Swithin's are depressed because the new hospital manager's cutbacks mean that wards will be shut down and operations postponed. Not even the presence of a VIP can raise the doctors' morale. (Ceefax) Northern Ireland: Spotlight
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather
9.30 Open All Hours. Whimsical Roy Clarke comedy with Ronnie Barker playing Arkwright, the stuttering, stingy shopkeeper, and Lynda Baron as nurse Gladys Emmanuel, the object of his lust. When she has problems with her washing machine, Arkwright offers her the chance of using his in the hope that she will enter his home for something dirtier than laundry (r). Northern Ireland: The Corner House
10.00 Question Time. Peter Sissons takes the chair for another debating session broadcast live from the Barbican Centre. Tonight's guests include Robin Cook, MP, and the Liberal Democrat Des Wilson
11.05 HeartBeat: Two Out Of Six. American medical drama series set in an LA clinic for women. Cory (Lynn Whitfield) is charmed into providing a home for an abandoned baby and Paul (Darrel Larson) attempts a new and controversial procedure to help a woman carrying sextuplets
11.50 Weather
11.55 By-election Special. David Dimbleby presents coverage of the by-election result in the Conservative stronghold of Ribble Valley. With studio comment from MPs Chris Patten and Jack Cunningham. Ends at 1.30am

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Genetics. Ends at 7.10
8.00 News 8.15 Westminster
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes
2.00 News and weather followed by You and Me (r) 2.15 Antiques Roadshow visits Whitehaven in Cumbria (r)
3.00 News and weather followed by Westminster Live 3.50 News, regional news and weather
4.00 Catchword. Paul Coia hosts the game for wordsmiths
4.30 Fighting Talk. Author and playwright James Kelman, who was born in Glasgow, talks to Sheena McDonald about what it means to be Scottish
5.00 One in Four. Isobel Ward, Simon Barnes and Chris Davis present the magazine series about disability issues



An injection of realism: Scottish vet George Rafferty (5.30pm)

5.30 The Vet: Life and Death.
● CHOICE: Having for years given us fictional vets in *All Creatures Great and Small*, the BBC at last came up with a real one and had a hit series on its hands. The ingredients were simple but compelling: a central character who was a character, a supporting cast of animals and gorgeous Scottish Highland scenery. Now there is chance to see *The Vet* again or to catch a splendid piece of television for the first time. George Rafferty is in his sixties and has lived and worked in the same Speyside town for nearly 40 years without taking a holiday. He is a traditionalist who works from his house and uses an operating table made from an old dentist's chair. Jeremy Mills's seven-part documentary follows Rafferty over a year, affectionately but without trying to glamorise. Tonight's programme includes an emergency call to a cow having difficulty with calving and a painful decision over the vicar's pet dog (r). (Ceefax)
6.00 Film: Tarzan Goes to India (1962) starring Jock Mahoney as the king of the jungle. Tarzan is summoned to India by a maharajah to help save the last big herd of wild elephants from drowning when their valley home is submerged behind a new dam. Directed by John Guillermin, with a score by Ravi Shankar. Wales. Film. Road to Singapore 7 20 City Lights
7.30 First Sight: High and Dry. Penny Bustin reports on the likely introduction of water metering in the south and east, a move which the industry sees as a key to controlling the high demand for water in the driest parts of the country. Wales (7 50-8.30) Statements; Northern Ireland: The Brittas Empire; England: Midlands — Midlands Report, North, Northeast and Northwest: Close Up North; South: Southern Eye; Southwest: Western Approach; West: Current Account
8.00 City Lights. Gerard Kelly as the Scottish bank clerk, Willie Melvin, aspiring to literary stardom and the affections of Fiona, the manager's daughter (Ceefax)
8.30 Top Gear includes William Woollard and Sue Baker reporting from the Geneva motor show
9.00 Red Dwarf IV: White Hole. Disastrous results for the Dwarfers when Holly, the ship's computer, regains her genius-level IQ. Craig Charles and Chris Barrie star as space misfits. (Ceefax)
9.30 40 Minutes: The Big Game
● CHOICE: A film from middle America follows a high school football team in its preparations for a local derby and the dancing girls in their leotards and high-heeled boots who will provide half time entertainment. The excitement of the occasion may be lost on British viewers unacquainted with the rituals of American football, but not the ideology. The game is not just a game, it is a test of moral values. The values are not specified but they have a whiff of John Wayne and General Schwarzkopf. The team coach brings God into it, while using the language of war. The dancing girls eve-of-match prayers are for victory and a clean routine. As a sub-strand the film looks into the off-pitch lives of the girls, as they date the hunky footballers and declare that they would just love to be rich and famous. Some viewers may feel that their Lousiana accents are strong enough to demand subtitles. (Ceefax)
10.10 Bicycle: Wheels of Change. Continuing the celebration of 150 years of the bicycle with a look at the future of its design. (Ceefax)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman
11.15 The Late *Show*. Arts and media magazine 11.55 Weather
12.00 Weekend Outlook. A preview of Open University programmes
12.05am Open University: Images of Health. Ends at 12.35

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Lucky Ladders. Game show hosted by Lennie Bennett 9.55 Thames News and weather
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on the status of women today
10.40 This Morning. Family magazine
12.05 The Riddlers. Children's fun with the freckle-faced, orange-haired puppets 12.25 Thames News and weather
12.30 News with John Suchet. Weather
1.20 Home and Away. Drama serial about an Australian couple and their foster children 1.50 A Country Practice. Aussie soap about the residents of a rural community
2.20 TV Weekly. Anne Diamond presents the weekly look at television with Barry Took delving into the archives
2.50 Give Us a Clue. Celebrity charades with Michael Parkinson
3.15 ITN News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines 3.25 The Young Doctors. Australian medical drama serial
3.55 Owl TV features the Australian ring-tailed possum, caddis fly larva, and a Skegness hospital for seals 4.20 Cartoon 4.30 Spatz. Children's comedy about a burger bar
5.00 Home and Away (r)
5.30 News with Carol Barnes (Oracle) Weather
5.55 Thames Help with advice for young people about personal relationships
6 00 Blockbusters. Quiz show for teenagers
6 30 Thames News and weather
7 00 Emmerdale (Oracle)
7.30 Jimmy's. Fly-on-the-wall documentary filmed in St James's Hospital, Leeds
8.00 The Bill: The Public Interest. Fast-moving, sharply-written police series. WPC Ackland (Trudie Goodwin) has been attacked by a known troublemaker. Chief Superintendent Brownlow (Peter Ellis) debates whether or not to bring the man to justice. (Oracle)
8.30 This Week: The Rape of Kuwait. Reporter Julian Manyon, producer Martyn Gregory and their camera crew spent a week with the Kuwaiti resistance talking to the fighters and to victims of the Iraqi occupation

Waging a debt-ridden stake on his horse: Robin Ellis (9.00pm)

9.00 The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes: Shoscombe Old Place.
● CHOICE: One of the stronger late Holmes stories gets the Rolls-Royce treatment from Granada's well-practised team. Not the least of its merits is a welcome touch of humour, not always Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's strongest point. The story of Sir Robert Norberton (Robin Ellis), desperately in debt and staking all on the success of his horse in the Champion Stakes, has been smoothly dramatised by Gary Hopkins and directed at a rattling pace by Patrick Lau. Regular viewers will have noticed Holmes's odd habit of throwing papers about and he is at it again tonight. Otherwise eccentricity is eschewed. Some may guess the solution to the puzzle before Holmes reveals it to us but so it is with the books. As always, there is a rich feel for landscape while the interior scenes are shot in a sepia style that gives just the right period feel. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald and Julia Somerville. (Oracle) Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather
10.40 The City Programme. Investigates the post-Gulf war oil glut, and asks whether the Stock Exchange's Taurus system will at last cope with the paper mountain
11.10 01. Includes reviews of the films Godfather *III* and Avalon, music from Chris Isaak and coverage of the Camden jazz festival
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Australian soap set in a women's remand centre
12.30am Contacts. Television dating service presented by Trevor Ward and Susy Smith
1.00 Judith Krantz's I'll Take Manhattan. Continuing the mini-series, based on Krantz's potboiler (r)
3.00 Hardball. American cop drama series starring John Ashton and Richard Tyson
4.00 Three's Company. The US version of *Man About the House* starring John Ritter
4.30 America's Top Ten (r)
5.00 Videofashion (r)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Anne Leuchars. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Art of Landscape. Scenic views accompanied by soothing music
6.20 Business Daily
6.30 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 Schools
12.00 News summary
12.05 The Parliament Programme introduced by Sue Cameron
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service presented by Susannah Simons
1 00 Sesame Street. Educational fun for pre-school children
2.00 The Ancient Art Of Cookery. Roy Strong and cookery expert Sara Paston-Williams visit the Georgian kitchens of Canons Ashby near Northampton, until recently the home of the Dryden family (r). (Teletext)
2.30 Ice Skating: The British Speed Championships. This competition, held at Richmond Ice Rink, is part of the British team's preparation for next year's Olympic games, where short track speed skating will achieve full Olympic status
3.30 Land Of Hope. Episode nine of the ten-part Australian drama series following four generations of a working class family (r)
4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game
5.00 The Adventures Of TinTin. Episode 16 of *The Treasure of Rackham the Red* (r)
5 05 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Oprah discusses the pros and cons of inter-racial adoption
6.00 Kate & Allie. American comedy with two single mothers who share a Greenwich Village apartment (r)
6.30 Desmond's. Dry comedy set in a black barber shop in southeast London (r) (Teletext)
7 00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi (Teletext)
7 50 Comment followed by Weather
8.00 Spaceship Earth. Geographical series which uses high technology in the form of the Landsat and Spot satellites to present a genuinely global look at the Earth and the environment. This edition focuses on earthquakes and volcanoes. While scientists can explain why earthquakes and eruptions occur they still cannot predict when they will happen. Filmed in Kenya, Indonesia, Japan, Iceland and the United States
8.30 The Orchid House. Handsomely-photographed drama based on Phyllis Shand Allfrey's autobiographical novel about a troubled white Caribbean family between the wars. In tonight's third episode it is the turn of daughter Joan (Frances Barber) to take centre stage, returning from England and determined to change things on the island. Meanwhile the opium pusher, Mr Lilipoulala, is found dead and the older daughter, Stella (Kate Buffery), is told to return to the United States. (Teletext)
9.30 Affairs Of the Heart: Scotland the Grave. Documentary narrated by Bill Paterson which examines why Scotland has the worst record for coronary disease in the world. With 20 000 deaths a year a large proportion of whom are women it would suggest that the diet, smoking habits, lifestyle and climate are putting Scottish communities at particular risk from heart disease. The programme also looks at the experience of California and Finland, both of which have successfully lowered their incidence of heart attacks (Teletext)

Rio's avenue of shame: a beggar ekes out a living (10.30pm)

10.30 True Stories: An Avenue Called Brazil.
● CHOICE: A strikingly-photographed documentary from the Brazilian film-maker Octavio Bezerra evokes in shocking detail life along the 30-mile highway that leads into Rio de Janeiro. It is a journey through crime, drugs, prostitution, violence and murder all of which, to a greater or lesser extent, have their origin in a desperate and apparently incurable poverty. If Brazil, as someone says, is a country rich in gold, silver, iron and coal, little of this wealth has trickled down to the shanty towns along Brazil Avenue with their squalid alleys and open sewers. The infant mortality rate is one of the highest in the world, the children who do survive soon become beggars and thieves and gang law is established where the official law cannot cope. The narrative link is provided by a radio announcer who tells us, among other grisly statistics, that Rio de Janiero has a murder on average every 90 minutes
11.45 A Week In Politics. Political leaders of the next generation discuss the future of British politics, the split in the Tory party over the poll tax; and the result of the Ribble Valley by-election. Includes *Channel 4 News — Midnight Special*. Ends at 2.00am

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 5.00pm-5.30 Blockbusters 6.00 Home and Away 6.25 Anglia News 10.50 Relationships 11.20-11.50 Wideangle 12.50am Donahue 1.45 Santa Barbara 2.40 Film: The Doughgirls 4.30-5.00 Bedrock

BORDER

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Lookaround Thursday 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.45 Prisoner Cell Block H 11.45 Hooperman 12.15am The Equalizer 1.05 Film: The Memory of Eva Ryker 3.35 CinemAttractions 4.10 Sig with Klammer 4.30 Short Story Theatre 4.55 Nenah Cherry 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

CENTRAL

As London except: 5.00pm-5.30 Blockbusters 6.00 Home and Away 6.25-7.00 Central News 10.45 Central Lobby 11.15 1st Night 11.50 Hooperman 12.20am Jake and the Fatman 1.10 Video View 1.45 The Making of Dances with Wolves 2.10 Word of Mouth 2.40 Sig with Klammer 3.00 Top Ten 3.30 Bedrock 4.30-5.30 Jobs

GRANADA

As London except: 5.00pm-5.30 Blockbusters 6.00 Home and Away 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 10.45 What's New 11.15 Families 12.15am The Equalizer 1.05 Film: The Memory of Eva Ryker 3.35 CinemAttractions 4.10 Sig with Klammer 4.30 Short Story Theatre 4.55 Nenah Cherry 5.00-5.30 Jobs

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7 00 Blockbusters 10.45 The West This Week 11.30 HTV Weekend Outlook 11.50 Film: Perilous Voyage 1.40am The Highwayman 2.40 Quiz Night 3.10 Video View 3.40 Bedrock 4.35-5.30 The Silk Road

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six 7.30-8.00 Wales & Westminster 10.45 Wales This Week 11.15-11.45 Coming of Age

TSW

As London except: 3.25pm-3.55 Home and Away 5.00-5.30 Take the High Road 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.45 Film: The House That Dripped Blood 12.45 Twilight Zone 1.05 Film: The Memory of Eva Ryker 3.35 CinemAttractions 4.10 Sig with Klammer 4.30 Short Story 4.55 Nenah Cherry 5.05 Jobs 5.15-5.30 Fisheries News

TVS

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.45 Moneywise 11.15 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.15am I'll Take Manhattan 2.00 The World of Golf 2.30 Film: Passion 4.05 Beyond 2000 5.00-5.30 Coast to Coast People

TYNE TEES

As London except: 6.00pm Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.45 Thank You and Good Night 11 15 Prisoner Cell Block H 12.15 The Equalizer 1.05 Film: The Memory of Eva Ryker 3.35 CinemAttractions 4.05 Sid with Klammer 4.25 Short Story Theatre 4.50 Nenah Cherry 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Six Tonight 6.20 Police Six 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Counterpoint 10.50 Money Talks 11.20 Ski Tips 11.50 Pop Profile 12.15am The Equalizer 1.05 Film: The Memory of Eva Ryker 3.40 CinemAttractions 4.10 Sid with Klammer 4.30 Short Story Theatre 4.55 Pop Profile 5.05-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 6.00pm Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.45 Calendar Commentary 11.15 Time Please! 11.45 Film: Running 1.40 Night Heat 2.40 America's Top Ten 3.10 CinemAttractions 3.40 Music Box 4.40-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C

Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Yagolion 12.00 Sbectol 12.10 Pobol Y Cwm 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Countdown 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Third Wave 2.45 Film: I Believe in You 4.30 Slot 23 5.15 Tonight with Jonathan Ross 5.45 Heno 6.00 Newyddion 6 15 Heno 6.40 Pobol Y Cwm 7.00 Cantod 7 30 Byw Maen 8.00 The Cosby Show 8.30 Newyddion 9.00 Fejyar X 9.30 Orchestra! 10.00 Eurocops 11.00 Vic Reeves' Big Night Out 11.30 Short and Curlies 11.45-2.00 A Week in Politics

RTE 1

Starts: 12 15pm Dail Report 12.30 Look Here 1.00 News 1.45 Victorian Kitchen Garden 2.10 Carson's Law 3.00 Live at Three 4.00 News followed by Emmerdale 4.30 Knots Landing 5.20 Red and Blue 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 6.45 Garda Patrol 7.00 Top of the Pops 7.30 1992 — The European Challenge 8.05 Father Dowling 9.00 News 9.30 Today Tonight 10.10 Challenging Times 10.40 Booklines 11.10 The Hitchhiker 11.35 News 11.45 Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 2.30pm Bosco 3.00 The Den 6.30 Home and Away 7.00 Nuacht 7.05 Cursai 7.30 Head of the Class 8.00 News followed by Freeze Frame 8.30 Marketplace 9.00 The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd 9.30 News followed by Falcon Crest 10.25 Nighthawks 11.05 News 11.25 Dail Report 11.45 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot 8.50 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 Here's Lucy 10.30 The Young Doctors 11 00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11 30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3 15 Bewitched 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Punky Brewster 5.30 McHale's Navy 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7 00 Love at First Sight 7 30 In Living Color 8.00 The Simpsons 8.30 Wings 9.00 Wiseguy 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 Night Court 11.00 The Outer Limits 12.00 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour.
5.00am Newswatch 6.00 Sunrise 9.30 Newsline 10.30 Beyond 2000 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Daytime 12.30pm NBC Today 1.30 NBC Today 2.30 Parliament Live 3.15 Prime Minister's Question Time 3.30 Parliament Live 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Now, Sir Robin 10.30 Newsline 11.30 NBC News 12.30am CBS News 1.30 NBC News 2.30 CBS News 3.30 NBC News 4.30 Now, Sir Robin

SKY MOVIES

● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am Showcase
10.00 Avalanche Express (1979) Lee Marvin stars as a KGB agent attempting to defect to the West
12.00 Illegal (1955) A criminal attorney becomes involved with the Mob when he defends one of their number on a murder charge. Starring Edward G. Robinson
2.00pm The Pirate Movie (1982): An updated version of *The Pirates of Penzance*
4.00 The Flight of the Dragons. Cartoon in which a man is transported back in time by wizards with designs on a powerful artefact
6.00 Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach (1988): The rookie police squad travel to Florida
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Burndown (1985): Reporter Cathy Moriarty investigates a series of bizarre murders following the meltdown of a nuclear power station
9.40 Projector
10.00 The Thirteenth Floor (1988). A young girl's father carries out a gangland killing, the memory of which haunts her later in life
11.35 *Chud 2: Bud the Chud* (1989). Two teenage boys steal a corpse which turns out to be a dormant flesh-hungry monster
1 05am Every Home Should Have One (1970). An ad-man and his wife are at odds when he uses sex to sell a product
2.35 Call Me (1987). A young woman is subjected to erotic phone calls and decides to confront the caller. Starring Patricia Charbonneau and Pam D Arbanville
4 10 Native Son (1986). A 19-year-old black youth (Victor Love) is hounded for his accidental killing of a rich white girl. Ends at 6.00

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
5.00am International Business Report 5.30 European Business Today 6.00 The DJ Kat Show 7.30 Eurobics 8.00 British Formula 3 Motor Racing 8.30 Golf: The Million Dollar Challenge 9.30 Masters Fencing Tournament 10.30 Eurobics 11.00 1990 Formula 3 Power Boat Season 2.00pm Luge World Cup 2.30 Mediterranean Open Golf 2.30 Handball Six Team Tournament 3.30 German Rally Championships 4.00 The Ford Ski Report 5.00 Mobil 1 Motor Sports News 5.30 Equestrianism 6.30 Eurosport News 7 00 Volleyball Cup Winners Cup 8.00 Virginia Slims Tennis of Palm Springs 9.30 European Football 11.00 Golf. The Million Dollar Challenge 12.00 Eurosport News 12.30am British Touring Cars 1990 Season

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite
7 00am International Athletics Indoor 8.30 US Pro Boxing 10 00 Stop-World of Champs 11 00 World Snooker Classics 1 00pm Speedway Ice Racing 2.00 Powersports International 3.00 Show Jumping Highlights '91 5.00 Stop-USWA Wrestling 6 00 Motorsport IMSA Camel GT 6 00 Citroen Ski Europe 9.00 Spanish Football 11.00 ATP Volvo Tennis Chicago Indoor Men

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am The Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Slim Cooking 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 Style File 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.35 The Edge of Night 2.00 Divorce Court 2.25 Lifestyle Plus 2.35 The Best of Europe 3.05 Remington Steele 3.55 Tea Break 4 05 Mary 4.35 The Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 12.00 The Satellite Jukebox

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
2.30pm Beautiful Stranger (1954) Ginger Rogers stars as a pretty young socialite who is implicated in the murder of her former lover
4.00 The Movie Show
4.30 The Enchanted Journey. Cartoon
6.00 The Bradys: Big Kids, Big Problems. The Brady bunch fail to help Marcia with her drinking problem
7 35 The Movie Show
8.00 Critters 2 (1988): The man-eating hedgehogs from outer space return to wreak more havoc
10.00 Mr North (1988). Comedy in which a young man makes an electrifying impact on Twenties American high society. Starring Anthony Edwards and Robert Mitchum
11.35 Extreme Prejudice (1986). Nick Nolte and Powers Boothe star in this taut thriller about the war between a Texas ranger and a drugs baron
1.20am Emma: Queen of the Seas - Part Two (1988): The daughter of a Samoan princess falls in love with a ship's captain. Ends at 3.00

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
1.30pm Racing Today 2.00 Basketball 3.30 Surfing Magazine 4.00 Fishing the West 4.30 GW Talks To . . Richard Hadlee 5 00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 6.00 Motorsport Extra 7 00 This is the Sports Channel 8.00 ATP Tennis from Rotterdam 10.00 On Wheels 11.00 Racing Today 11.30 ATP Tennis from Rotterdam

THE POWER STATION

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
7.00am Twenty-one hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only). Maths — Binomials and Trigonometry
6.55 Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Massenet (Scènes pittoresques: City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under Louis Frémaux); Smetana (From My Homeland: Itzhak Perlman, violin, Samuel Sanders, piano)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Albinoni, arr Giazotto (Adagio: La Grande Ecurie et La Chambre du Roy under Jean-Claude Malgoire); Grieg (Holberg suite: National PO under Willi Boskovsky); Stravinsky (Ebony Concerto: Columbia Jazz Combo under the composer, with Benny Goodman, clarinet); Bernstein (Three Dance Episodes, On the Town: NYPO under the composer)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Debussy. Preludes, Book 2 Nos 1-6 (Jean-François Antonioli, piano); Images (London Symphony Orchestra under Pierre Monteux)
9.35 Eternal Youth: Mendelssohn (Overture, A Midsummer Night's Dream: Bavarian RSO under Rafael Kubelik); Bax (Mater ora filium: BBC Symphony Chorus under Stephen Jackson); Elgar (The Wand of Youth, Suite No 2: LPO under Adrian Boult); Janáček (Mladí: London Sinfonietta); Finzi (Intimations of Immortality: BBC Symphony Chorus and Concert Orchestra under Stephen Jackson)
1.15 Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra under Kurt Sanderling, with Radu Lupu, piano, performs Beethoven (Symphony No 6 in F, Op 68, Pastoral); Brahms (Piano Concerto No 1 in D minor, Op 15)
1.00pm News
.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert: Live from St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol. Michael Chance, counter-tenor, Robert Spencer, lute, perform John Dowland (Shall I Strive with Words to Move?; Say Love, If Ever Thou Didst Find; In Darkness Let Me Dwell; Come Again, Sweet Love Doth Now Invite; I Saw My Lady Weep; Fine Knacks for Ladies); Henry Lawes (Now, Now, Lucasta, Now Make Haste; Slide Soft, You Silver Floods In Love? Away! You Do Me Wrong); Pelham Humfrey (Ah, Fading Joy; Where the Bee Sucks; A Hymn to God the Father); John Blow (The Self-Banished; Sabina Has a Thousand Charms); Henry Purcell (O Solitude, My Sweetest Choice; Thrice Happy Lovers; Sweeter Than Roses)
2.00 A Small Town in Germany: Andrew Lyle investigates the history and possible future of musical and theatrical activities in Meiningen (r)
2.50 Hanover Band under Roy Goodman, with the Swansea Bach Choir under John Hugh Thomas performs Mozart (March in D, K 408 No 2; Symphony No 29 in A, K 201); Haydn (Chor der Danen; Arie des Schutzgeistes, Incidental Music, Alfred)
4.20 John Ogdon: The pianist plays Constant Lambert (Sonata); Trevor Hold (Will Kemp — His Nine Daies Wonder); Michael Tippett (Sonata No 1) (r)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure, with Lyndon Jenkins
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Michael Hall talks to the Russian conductor Maxim Shostakovich
7.30 Chopin (Fantasy on Polish Airs. Philharmonia Orchestra under Neville Marriner, with Misha Dichter, piano)
7.45 String Octets: Live from the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London. Academy of St Martin Chamber Ensemble, led by Kenneth Sillito, performs Enescu (Octet in C, Op 7). 8.25 First Love. Hugh Dickson tells the story of Vladimir Nabokov's journey in 1909 from St Petersburg to Biarritz (r). 8.45 Shostakovich (Prelude and Scherzo, Op 11); Mendelssohn (Octet in E flat, Op 20)
9.40 Come the Revolution: Areopagitica. Ronald Pickup reads from Milton's dramatic plea for liberty, written at the height of the English civil war
10.00 Music in Our Time. Ian Carr introduces a series of improvisations by his group
11.00 Benny's Boys: Geoffrey Smith introduces recordings by the Benny Goodman Trio (r)
11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Frank Bridge (r)
1.00-2.25am Night School (FM only) (except in Scotland)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s) 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.58 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Punters (new series): Listeners report on a variety of issues, with the help of Susan Marling
9.45 Letter from . . . Berlin (new series): Ben Bradshaw reports from Berlin on life after unification
10.00 News; The Natural History Programme: Fergus Keeling and Jessica Holm discover that mute swans are on the increase
10.45 An Act of Worship (s)
11.00 News; Citizens (s)
11.25 Conversation Piece (new series): Sue MacGregor talks to the writer Adèle Geras
11.50 First Person: Series of talks by first-time broadcasters. Joan Thornton recalls her début as a bridesmaid in the Sixties
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Debbie Thrower
12.25pm The Secret Life of Rosewood Avenue: Entertaining Edwin. The second of a six-part comedy by Stephen Sheridan (s) (r) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Subjects for discussion include the use of tropical hardwoods, feminism and raincoats
3.00-4.00 Prime Minister's Questions (FM only)
3.00 Kings for a Penny Drink (LW only)
● CHOICE: Derrick Geer's play about two cousins and their boyhood days in wartime Dover is an exercise in unadulterated nostalgia. It has more than the ring of truth; it is a whole peal. It could only have been written by someone who, as a lad, gloried in Saturday morning film shows, shot arrows at a cat, bought penny drinks from the corner shop, and had been invited by a girl to show her "his" before she would show him "hers". John Hollis speaks for the late Mr Geer, and Siân Phillips is the universal Granny. They are supported by a uniformly convincing cast of young players
4.00 News
4.05 Bookshelf: On the publication of his memoirs, Sir Kingsley Amis talks to Nigel Forde about his life and work
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Jim Hiley reviews Antony Sher's portrayal of Joseph K in Steven Berkoff's adaptation of Kafka's *The Trial* at the National Theatre; and there is a report from the West Yorkshire Playhouse, host to a clutch of new writing talent (s)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Trivia Test Match: From Ripley Cricket Club, Surrey. Brian Johnston umpires another test of wit and general knowledge (s) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Soundtrack: Letting Go. A series of features reflecting contemporary life in Britain. The Whitear family's 89-year-old Nan moves into sheltered accommodation (s)
8.00 Analysis: An in-depth look at current affairs
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine for disabled listeners
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (broadcast at 4.30pm)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Secret Pilgrim, by John Le Carré (9 of 10)
11.00 September Song: Changes, by Ken Blakeson. The second of a seven-part humorous exploration of middle age (s)
11 30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.30am Midnight News and By-Election Special. James Naughtie presents live coverage from the count at the Ribble Valley by-election, the first ballot-box test for the government since John Major became prime minister

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m,1089kHz/275m;FM-97 6-99 8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/ 247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. World Service: MW 648kHz/463m. Jazz FM 102.2. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9. Melody FM 104.9.

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 5.00am Gary King 6.30 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News 91 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.00 Top of the Pops (with BBC1) 7.30 Mark Goodier's Evening Session 9.00 Classic Documentary. Guitar Greats — Scotty Moore (r) 10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00-2.00am Bob Harris

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Alex Lester The Early Show 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Judie Boyle 11 00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Debbie Thrower 5.05 John Dunn 7 00 The News Huddlines 7 30 Wally Whyton 9 00 Paul Jones 9 45 A Wealth of Wisdom. A Passage to India. Norman Wisdom recalls highlights from his life (r) 10.00 Chris Stuart 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 John Terrett with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

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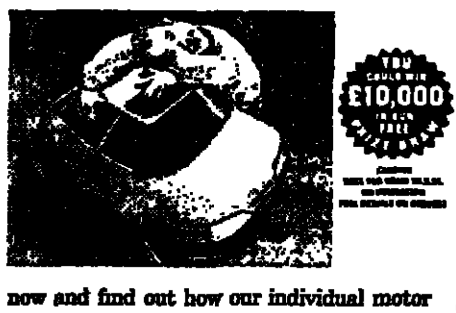

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Prince's 'backing' for PR draws MPs' fire

By Alan Hamilton

NOT for the first time, an alleged passing remark by the Prince of Wales leaked from a private meeting has drawn a response from the fastest mouths in the Commons, firing warning shots like trigger-happy western gunslingers aimed at keeping his royal nose out of the political arena.

At a private meeting at St James's Palace on Monday with members of the all-party select committee on Welsh affairs, the prince reportedly remarked during a general discussion that he favoured proportional representation, a method of choosing MPs favoured by the Liberal Democrats and Welsh Nationalists, but opposed by the Tories and most senior Labour MPs.

As soon as the prince's supposed observation had been leaked to the BBC, several MPs whose views on serious issues are rarely sought and who therefore feel deprived of the lifeblood of media attention, sprang to the attack, their sensitivity sharpened by today's Ribble Valley by-election.

Sir Gerard Vaughan, a former Tory health minister, professed himself "dismayed and concerned" at the prince's view. Barry Porter, Tory member for Wirral South, said it was all right for the prince to talk about architecture, but this was quite different. "I am very surprised he should make such an obvious party political pronouncement."

As is so often the case, it transpired later in the day that the prince had never said any such thing. Gareth Wardell, chairman of the select committee, said there had been a general discussion about the difficulty of getting things done, and one member had suggested PR as a fairer means of achieving consensus. "The prince seemed to agree but the words PR never passed his lips," Mr Wardell said.

Another member of the committee, who did not wish to be named, said: "It was simply a kind of throwaway remark in a very lively discussion that we had. Now he is going to be hoisted for it. It was all done almost in jest to liven up the discussion, and it is appalling that any of my colleagues should have released this."

Three years ago the prince lamented in public: "I often wonder if it is sensible to say anything nowadays. Sometimes it is dangerous to open my mouth at all."

Gun happy: a smiling John Major accepts a souvenir of a captured Iraqi weapon at an informal Kuwaiti desert ceremony with British troops

Political sketch

No score at the Scots wall game

"TRUST me," said Ron Brown (Leith), "I'm a socialist and a Scot." Presented with two incontestable arguments for trusting a fellow, Mr Speaker could hardly bar Mr Brown's way. He was seeking to raise "a point of order".

But the Speaker had his suspicions, for he knows Brown well. "*Is* it a point of order," he had asked warily, "or is it a point of . . . er . . . something else?"

I have to report that, despite Mr Brown's being a socialist and a Scot, it was a point of . . . er . . . something else. But *what* it was a point of was unclear, as it was an attempt to comment on an announcement which the minister had not made, at a juncture when it would have been out of order to comment on it even if he had.

As schoolchildren we used to try to say "the Leith police dismisseth us," without stumbling. Happily, "the Leith MPs perplexeth us" is easier to say. It needs to be said rather often, these days.

Equally often these days, Scottish Questions resembles the film *Shirley Valentine*. You may remember that Shirley spends her spare time engaging the wall in conversation. "Hello, wall," she may say, "there are a couple of things I want to air with you this afternoon . . ."

This was more or less the position at Westminster yesterday, when Opposition MPs from Scotland massed, eager to talk about their country. The Tory side of the Chamber was empty. The Opposition were talking to the wall.

"Hello, wall," said Donald Dewar (Labour's spokesman), intervening on a question about the community charge . . . well, that's what he *meant*, anyway; what he *said* was "there is a growing body of support for a property-based system. It is time to admit that you were wrong."

The wall did not admit that it had been wrong. Nor did the secretary of state for Scotland, Ian Lang, situated just in front of the wall, though blending marvellously into it. You might suppose that Dewar was addressing Lang rather than the wall but I doubt whether Dewar is such an optimist. From the Scottish secretary you cannot expect as lively a response as from the wall. If you shout at a wall you will get an echo. If you shout at Mr Lang you will find your words noiselessly absorbed. If you walk into a wall you will get a bruising. If you walk into Mr Lang you will find that he has stepped politely aside.

The government whips are embarrassed about the wall but their problem is that there are hardly any Tory MPs left in Scotland, so even a full turn-out amounts to a thin House. So the struggle to people the space in front of the wall has taken on a desperate air. Ian Bruce (C, Dorset S) was moved to invite the Scottish secretary to visit a forest in Dorset.

From time to time, anxious junior whips slip in from a side door, peer at the empty benches, and slip silently out. Minutes later a couple of disconsolate English MPs will arrive. They happened to be in the tea room.

Once, long ago, I was a victim myself. The subject was not Scotland but famine in the third world. The Chamber was empty. Three hours of debate remained. "It doesn't look good" the late Sir Spencer le Marchant pleaded, "make a speech about food aid."

"I don't know anything about food aid," I said.

"Nor does anyone else."

So I made a speech. It was based on something I had read in the *Daily Mail*. I opposed food aid. To this day, works of reference on MPs' special interests mention my long-standing scepticism over famine relief.

MATTHEW PARRIS

Albanian refugees set sail in makeshift boats

By Paul Bompard in Rome, Dessa Trevisan in Belgrade and Our Foreign Staff

A SWELLING army of desperate Albanians was trying to flee the country yesterday, by land, sea and attempted invasion of embassies in Tirana.

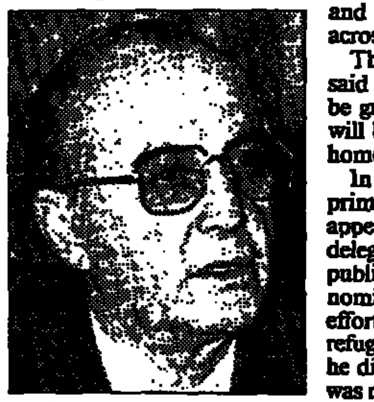
More than 10,000 would-be refugees besieged the Albanian port of Vlore in the hope that they could follow the thousands who have already swamped tiny ports and fishing villages after landing in southern Italy. Many set off in unseaworthy craft with makeshift oars.

Another thousand were trying last night to cross the Yugoslav-Albanian border while, in Tirana, shots were fired in the air to dispel 3,000 who tried to force their way into western embassies. The Montenegrin government said last night that it expected 25,000 Albanians to cross the Yugoslav border within the next few days.

The situation in Vlore was described by an Italian journalist there as becoming more tense by the hour. Fabrizio Finzi, of the Italian Ansa news agency, said there were no ships left in the port. "People used ships which were not in working condition, they made oars out of wooden doors and they improvised rudders." In Tirana, a crowd gathered during the morning in Skanderbeg street where most foreign embassies are located, in a frantic attempt to emigrate.

A Turkish diplomat told Reuters by telephone that 11 Albanians managed to enter his embassy, which is not in the main diplomatic quarter, after scaling a fence around it.

The clashes in Tirana broke out about midday when people attempted to break through a police cordon, according to reports from there reaching Belgrade. Police in riot gear fired blank cartridges into the air as the crowd pelted them with stones. No injuries were reported, however, and the crowd eventually dispersed.



Alia: does not believe exodus is political

They had converged on the embassies on the strength of a rumour that visas were being given to anyone who applied. The French, German and Greek embassies are in Skanderbeg street.

At the same time, the trickle of refugees crossing the Adriatic to southern Italy turned into a flood. About 4,000 have reached Italy since the beginning of the year, over 2,000 of them in the past few days. Yesterday, the Albanian authorities warned Italy that another 12 boats, of all shapes and sizes, were on their way across in heavy seas.

The Italian government has said that political asylum will be granted and that an effort will be made to find jobs and homes for the Albanians.

In Tirana, the Albanian prime minister, Fatos Nano, appealed to a visiting Italian delegation of 11 ministers publicly to announce economic aid to his country in an effort to stem the flow of refugees. President Alia said he did not believe the exodus was mainly political, "rather it is motivated by the grave economic situation."

Major promises Blighty tickets

Continued from page 1

being buoyant as the guy ropes of his own character are ever likely to permit.

Wearing a sand-coloured sweater which he retained for a meeting later with the Crown Prince, Sheikh Saad al-Sabah, in Kuwait City, Mr Major was shown a selection of the abandoned Iraqi hardware littering the desert, no doubt to form the foundation of some Middle East scrap merchant dynasty of the future. The 7th Armoured Brigade showed him T72 tanks, Frog 7 tactical missiles and Brazilian rocket launchers.

He didn't do badly for souvenirs himself. The 4th Armoured Brigade gave him a captured AK47 rifle taken within Iraq, for the Cabinet room wall, and an ordnance sergeant presented him with a Chelsea shirt. "This explains why the crowds are down; you're all out here," said the prime minister.

As the troops milled around him in the desert mud the only question he didn't answer was the shouted enquiry: "Will you get us home in time for the election?"

Flying back from the desert troops to Kuwait City Mr Major was able to see the shot up tanks and lorries beside the highway, the loot of fleeing Iraqis still strewn colourfully on the sand around them.

For the meeting with the crown prince the helicopters landed at a sports stadium, where the grass grew long and a stripped and vandalised car was incongruously propped up on bricks across the lanes of the all-weather running track.

The crown prince promised Mr Major that he wanted British firms to participate in the immediate rehabilitation of the city and in the longer-term reconstruction to follow. He also promised, after Mr Major's enquiries about the future safety of the Palestinian population in Kuwait, that everyone would be treated in accordance with the law.

How one man cut the NHS list

Continued from page 1

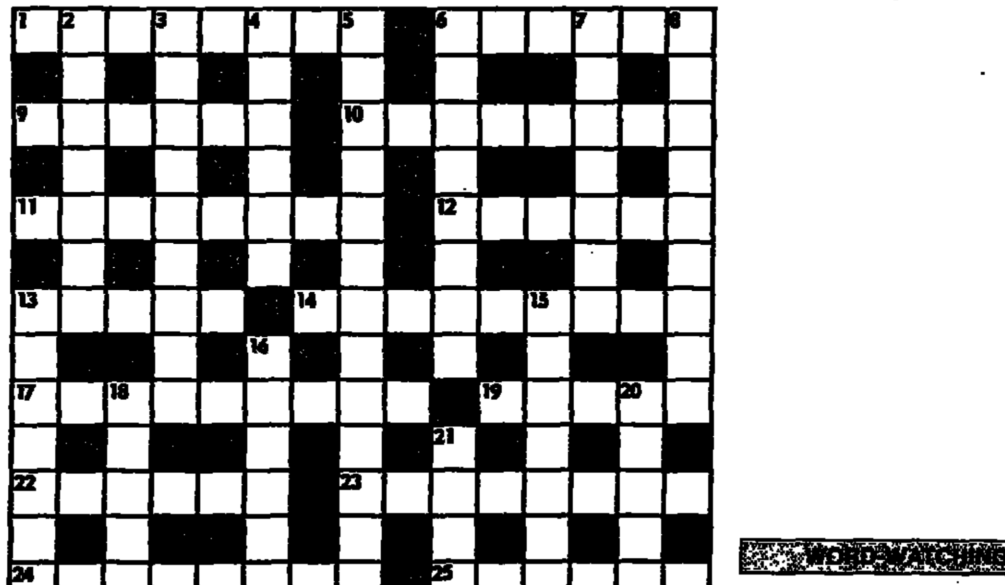
ver to pick up patients needing routine operations, taking them to Boulogne and then dropping them back at Dover.

After two years of eye trouble and failing sight Mr Davies was told last month that he needed a cataract operation but might have to wait over 12 months to get it on the NHS. After hearing about the hospital in Boulogne Mr Davies rang up Philip Jenkinson, an Anglo-French lawyer based in Lille who is helping the hospital in its contract negotiations. Two days later Mr Davies was told he could have the operation within two weeks.

"I made a bit of a weekend of it," Mr Davies admitted yesterday, as he packed up his bags to leave, "I drove over with my family on Saturday and we headed off into the country for the day to sample as much of the good food and wine as we could before I went into hospital on Sunday afternoon."

As I left him yesterday Mr Davies was already planning his return trip for a check-up next week. His eyes, now no longer opaque, were eagerly scanning the restaurant guide. "Yes, I have had a bit of a holiday but by doing what I have done I have taken someone off the NHS waiting list."

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,547



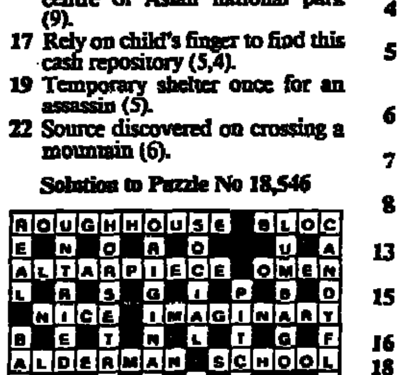
ACROSS

1 Response made by advocate after meal (8).
6 A couple of points covered by the present proposition (6).
9 One demonstrating in the rain? (6).
10 Shut up about retreating soldiers being inexperienced! (8).
11 In other words, cook is Celtic (8).
12 For old Romans this drink caused a respiratory problem (6).
13 Killed in Los Angeles in the process of wrongdoing (5).
14 Immediately beside river in centre of Asian national park (9).
17 Rely on child's finger to find this cash repository (5,4).
19 Temporary shelter once for an assassin (5).
22 Source discovered on crossing a mountain (6).
23 Next Lear production will be outside (8).
24 Short Welshman introducing story-teller back in the ship's bar (8).
25 Frenzied type, crazy about a woman (6).
26 Become less severe about the fast (6).
27 Nurse smothered at home? That's ominous (8).

DOWN

2 Morally acceptable, composing new hit in eastern state (7).
3 Acting outside nicely in adjoining wood (9).
4 Alcoholic spirit found inside the soldier's lodgings? (6).
5 Cable possibly produced by these manufacturer's agents? (8-7).
6 Weapon used at start of this week outside a Nebraska city (8).
7 Small amount of liquid food taken before study (7).
8 Dickens's Heep was here, partly for scouring the Cheviots (5-4).
13 Fan has no right to gatecrash a meal (9).
15 So upset about a dreary fellow having no scent (9).
16 Full rank (8).
18 Paid in francs at first in the old country (7).
20 Carry about almost every product of the bakery (7).
21 Plant fertilizer of singular staying-power? (6).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,546



Concise crossword, page 17

WORDWATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

HARDBALL
a. A large peardrop
b. Serious business
c. A lefthander's googly

TACH
a. Revs per minute
b. A Gaelic prince
c. A clasp

KILFUD-YOKING
a. Yoke for three horses
b. A fireside argument
c. Swedish humour

EPIDOTE
a. A bride gift
b. A greenish mineral
c. An appendix

Answers on page 22

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ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder d=drizzle fg=fog s=sun; sl=sleet sn=snow, f=fair, c=cloud, r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	18	64	s	Malaga	15	59	c
Akrotiri	16	61	s	Malta	17	63	f
Alex'dria	16	61	c	Melb'rne	26	79	s
Algiers	24	75	f	Mexico C*	22	72	s
Amst'dm	14	57	f	Miami*	21	70	s
Athens	16	61	s	Milan	7	45	c
Barbados*	29	84	f	Montreal*	-4	25	s
Barcelna	13	55	f	Moscow	-2	28	s
Belgrade	17	63	c	Munich	9	48	s
Berlin	5	41	f	Naples	17	63	f
Bermuda*	24	75	c	N Delhi	22	72	s
Biarritz	19	66	f	N York*	7	45	s
Borde'x	15	59	c	Nice	14	57	c
Brussels	15	59	s	Oslo	0	32	sn
Budapest	5	41	f	Paris	17	63	s
B Aires*	28	82	s	Peking	7	45	c
Cairo	17	63	c	Perth	23	73	f
Cape Tn	31	88	s	Prague	5	41	c
C'blanca	13	55	r	Reykjavik	3	37	s
Chicago*	8	46	c	Rhodes	15	59	s
Ch'church	13	55	c	Rio de J	29	84	s
Cologne	10	50	c	Rome	14	57	r
C'phagn	4	39	c	Salzburg	10	50	s
Corfu	14	57	f	S F'risco*	11	52	f
Dublin	7	45	r	Santiago*	28	82	s
Faro	15	59	f	Seoul	11	52	s
Florence	15	59	c	Sing'por	31	88	s
Frankfurt	11	52	c	St'kholm	1	34	c
Funchal	17	63	f	Strasb'rg	13	55	c
Geneva	12	54	f	Sydney	27	81	f
Gibraltar	14	57	c	Tangier	14	57	r
Helsinki	1	34	c	Tel Aviv	12	54	c
Hong K	21	70	c	Tenerife	21	70	f
Innsbrck	15	59	f	Tokyo	15	59	s
Istanbul	7	45	s	Toronto*	2	36	s
Jo'burg*	25	77	f	Tunis	21	70	s
L Palmas	23	73	f	Valencia	14	57	r
Le Tquet	15	59	f	Vanc'ver*	4	39	f
Lisbon	12	54	f	Venice	11	52	d
Locarno	10	50	r	Vienna	5	41	c
L Angels*	16	61	f	Warsaw	1	34	c
Luxembg	12	54	c	Wash'ton*	12	54	s
Luxor	19	66	c	Wel'ngton	14	57	c

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GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 9C (48F); min 6pm to 6am, −1C (30F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.1 hr.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.52	2.37
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Finland Mkk	7.42	6.97
France Fr	10.33	9.68
Germany Dm	3.05	2.85
Greece Dr	327	307
Hong Kong $	15.30	14.30
Ireland Pt	1.14	1.07
Italy Lira	2280	2140
Japan Yen	273	256
Netherlands Gld	3.43	3.22
Norway Kr	11.89	11.19
Portugal Esc	264.50	248.50
South Africa Rd	5.85	5.05
Spain Pta	188.50	175.50
Sweden Kr	11.30	10.62
Switzerland Fr	2.65	2.48
Turkey Lira	6900	5900
USA $	1.975	1.855
Yugoslavia Dnr	35.00	27.00

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AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	3.5	.90	10	50	bright
Anglesey	1.1	.06	10	50	shower
Aviemore	4.2	.04	10	50	sunny
Belfast	4.4	.09	12	54	bright
Birmingham	0.1	.08	11	52	rain
Blackpool	5.7	.17	10	50	shower
Bournemouth	-	.09	9	48	rain
Brighton	-	.20	10	50	rain
Bristol	0.1	.05	11	52	rain
Cardiff	0.2	.02	11	52	cloudy
Edinburgh	2.7	.06	12	54	shower
Exmouth	0.4	.08	10	50	rain
Falmouth	4.8	.09	11	52	bright
Folkestone	-	.12	9	48	rain
Glasgow	4.6	.34	11	52	sunny
Hastings	-	.28	9	48	rain
Hunstanton	1.1	.08	13	55	shower
Jersey	-	.31	10	50	rain
Kinloss	8.2	.04	14	57	sunny
Leeds	0.5	.21	12	54	rain
Littlehampton	-	.22	9	48	rain
London	0.1	.09	12	54	rain
Lowestoft	-	.04	9	48	rain
Manchester	0.8	.13	12	54	rain
Minehead	0.5	.17	12	54	cloudy
Morecambe	3.5	.33	11	52	shower
Newcastle	-	.73	12	54	shower
Nottingham	-	.02	11	52	cloudy
Poole	0.1	.12	11	52	rain
Scarborough	1.4	.19	10	50	dull
Scilly Isles	6.5	.01	12	54	bright
Southend	-	.03	11	52	cloudy
St. Ives	6.4	.05	12	54	sunny
Stornoway	0.5	.43	9	48	shower
Teignmouth	0.6	.10	11	52	shower
Tenby	6.5	.04	11	52	sunny
Tiree	1.4	.28	10	50	shower
Torquay	0.4	.09	11	52	rain
Worthing	-	.20	9	48	rain

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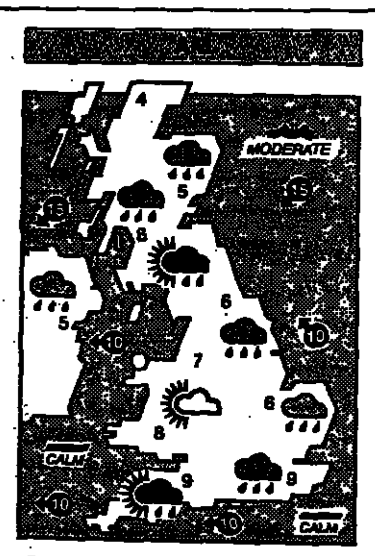

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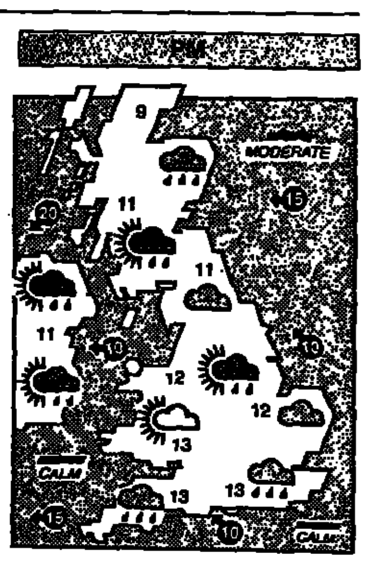

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Colwyn Bay, Clwyd, 14C (57F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 7C (54F); highest rainfall: Aberdeen, Grampian, 0.90 in; highest sunshine: Kinloss, Moray Firth, 8.2 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 11C (52F); min 6pm to 6am, 6C (43F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.03 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.3 hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 5.51 pm to 6.32 am
Bristol 6.00 pm to 6.43 am
Edinburgh 5.59 pm to 6.48 am
Manchester 5.57 pm to 6.42 am
Penzance 6.13 pm to 6.52 am

Sun rises: 6.34 am
Sun sets: 5.51 pm
Moon rises 1.15 am
Moon sets 8.45 am
Last quarter tomorrow

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.39	6.8	5.58	6.4
Aberdeen	5.6	3.5	5.32	3.4
Avonmouth	10.46	11.0	11.1	10.6
Belfast	2.58	3.1	3.31	3.1
Cardiff	10.33	10.3	10.46	9.9
Devonport	9.10	4.7	9.36	4.7
Dover	2.39	6.0	2.57	5.8
Falmouth	8.40	4.5	9.6	4.5
Glasgow	4.31	4.1	4.40	4.1
Harwich	3.29	3.6	3.48	3.4
Holyhead	1.59	4.8	2.23	4.6
Hull	10.4	6.4	10.27	6.2
Ilfracombe	9.38	7.5	9.55	7.2
King's Lynn	10.11	5.4	10.27	5.2
Leith	6.36	4.6	7.7	4.5

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	2.50	8.1	3.11	7.8
Lowestoft	1.13	2.2	1.41	2.0
Margate	3.41	4.4	4.2	4.1
Milford Haven	10.0	5.7	10.20	5.6
Newquay	8.55	5.8	9.16	5.6
Oban	9.5	3.2	9.39	3.1
Penzance	8.18	4.7	8.46	4.7
Portland	10.6	1.5	10.17	1.5
Portsmouth	3.18	4.1	3.42	3.9
Shoreham	2.35	5.5	3.2	5.1
Southampton	2.38	4.0	3.2	3.8
Swansea	10.3	8.2	10.24	7.9
Tees	7.35	4.5	8.2	4.5
W'ton-on-Nze	3.25	3.8	3.43	3.6

Tide in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

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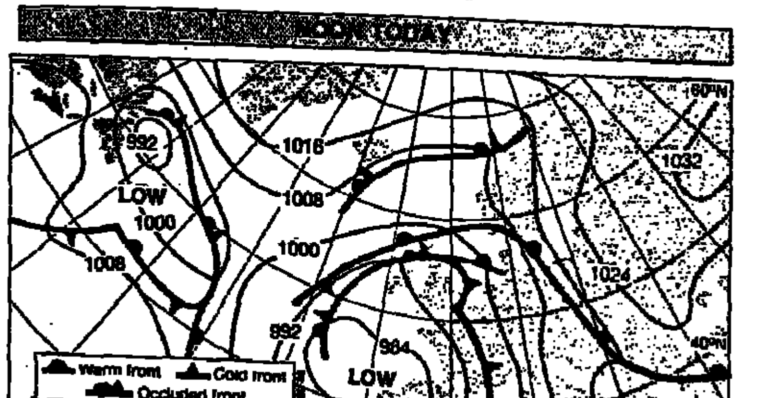

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BUSINESS

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THURSDAY MARCH 7 1991

Malaysia deal for UK firms

BALFOUR Beatty, the construction arm of BICC, has won a £400 million contract from the Malaysian government to build a hydro-electric plant at Pergau.

The project will be a 50-50 joint venture with Trafalgar House's Cementation International. Sir William Barlow, the chairman of BICC, said the contract had taken two years of talks.

News of the contract came as BICC announced its results for last year, which showed a 9 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £183 million. Although operating profits at BICC's core cabling business rose 26 per cent to £110.2 million, accounting for more than half BICC's pre-interest profit, there were large falls in profits in Australasia, North America and at Balfour Beatty.

The final dividend is unchanged at 13.25p, making 19.25p (19p). The fall in profits at Balfour Beatty reflected pressure on the interest rate-sensitive parts of the business — housebuilding, commercial property and commercial property development.

As a result of the slump in the housing market, Balfour Beatty is to withdraw from the specialist homes business.

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GKN knocked by recession

The worldwide motor industry recession has sent profits at GKN, the automotive components group, into sharp decline. David Lees, the group chairman, reported pre-tax profits of £172 million for 1990, against £214.8 million, and said that demand had continued to fall in the first two months of the current year.

Shareholders will receive an unchanged final dividend of 12.5p, making 20.5p (20p). Earnings per share slumped from 50p to 36.1p.

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Receiver called

Pavilion Leisure, the troubled hotels and property group, has called in the receiver after the withdrawal of support from its main banker. The shares were suspended at 7p yesterday before the announcement.

THE POUND

US dollar
1.8895 (−0.0110)
German mark
2.9127 (−0.0069)
Exchange index
93.6 (−0.2)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1977.5 (+31.5)
FT-SE 100
2459.9 (+39.8)
New York Dow Jones
2999.01 (+26.49)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
26382.99 (+469.51)
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MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Barclays	453p (+11p)
Hambros	301p (+22p)
L Joseph	412½p (+35p)
Kleinwort Benson	361½p (+12p)
Standard & Chart	322½p (+29p)
SG Warburg	426½p (+23p)
Wintrust	340p (+16p)
Grand Met	749p (+14p)
Vaux Group	246½p (+15p)
Farrey Group	254p (+23p)
Fisons	461½p (+20½p)
Antofagasta	440p (+27p)
BOC	583p (+14p)
GKN	390p (+11p)
Hepworth	344p (+19p)
nchcape	312½p (+16p)
Johnson Cleaners	477½p (+17p)

ALLS:	
ASMO	375½p (−7p)
Racal Telecom	347½p (−6p)
Racal Electronics	211½p (−5p)

losing prices

INTEREST RATES

ondon: Bank Base: 13%
-month Interbank 12 21/32-12⅝%
-month eligible bills: 11 15/16-11⅞%
S: Prime Rate 9%
ederal Funds 6½%*
-month Treasury Bills 6.09-6.08%*
0-year bonds 95 21/32-95 23/32*

CURRENCIES

ondon:	New York:
: $1.8895	£: $1.8895*
: DM2.9127	$: DM1.5410*
: SwFr2.5405	$: SwFr1.3445*
FFr9.9143	$: FFr5.2470*
Yen257.45	$: Yen136.14*
Index:93.6	$: Index:62.5
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ECU1.421650	£: SDR1.349524

GOLD

ondon Fixing:
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3.40)
w York:
mex $370.15-370.65*

NORTH SEA OIL

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Shares touch highest ever in buying 'frenzy'

By Michael Clark and Jonathan Prynn

SHARE prices in London closed within a whisker of their highest levels ever as investors around the world embarked on a spending spree.

A near 60-point rise on Tuesday on Wall Street and further gains in Tokyo provided the signal for investors in London to chase the equity market sharply higher. Share prices in London were trading at record highs for most of the day but failed to hold their best as a lack of early follow-through in New York encouraged profit-taking.

At its best, the FT-SE 100 index was 60.5 points higher at 2,480.6. It ended 39.8 up at 2,459.9 — 3.8 short of its all-time high of 2,463.7, achieved on January 3 last year.

American blue chip shares soared after the London close, pushing the Dow Jones industrial average above 3,000, just over the index's previous record closing high. The index rose 27.73 points to briefly hit 3,000.25 in early afternoon. It closed at 2,999.75 on July 16 and 17 last year.

The London stock market has risen 15.5 per cent since the start of the year, with investors heartened by the outcome of the Gulf war, falling interest rates and first signs that the recession in Britain may have started to bottom out. The prospect of a general election in June has also improved sentiment and there is talk of a further cut in bank base rates before the Budget on March 19.

Continental fund managers led the buying. They have believed for some months that London is good value. This week's strong gains on Wall Street reinforced their view.

The strength of the advance caught out dealers and highlighted the stock shortages evident in the market-place. Market-makers were forced to mark prices sharply higher. International companies such as ICI, British Aerospace and BOC Group led the way higher but there was also heavy demand for second and third line stocks. By the close, 1.05 billion shares had changed hands.

Senior market-makers were predicting that strong buying of UK stocks by British and overseas institutional investors would continue to drive the FT-SE index up.

Christopher Salter, deputy head of market-making at Kleinwort Benson Securities, said buying interest had been seen from American, continental and selective British institutions. "What we are seeing is panic induced by a liquidity squeeze. It's a feeding frenzy," he said.

Glenn Barlow, assistant director at Schroder Securities, said the market was gambling on "a Conservative victory at Ribble Valley, the power issue going awfully well and a potentially early election."

On the Continent, the German Dax-index rallied 3.51 per cent to 1,594.33 while the French CAC-40 index was up 1.13 per cent to close at 1,821.01. One of the main reasons behind the rally on European exchanges was a switch from bonds into equities. It is estimated that in Germany during the last three quarters of 1990 about $7 billion was diverted from equity into bond markets, a trend that is now being reversed to some extent.

The rally on European stock markets reflects the growing recognition that continental Europe is now unlikely to fall into recession.☐ The dollar gave a strong showing, rallying on comments from Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve Board chairman, indicating that the end of Gulf war would quicken America's recovery from recession.

The currency reached DM1.5510 before renewed expectations of monetary easing by the Fed prompted profit-taking. In London, it ended at DM1.5423, nearly three quarters of a pfennig up on Tuesday and firmed to Y136.40. It gained 10 points against the pound, closing at $1.8895. ☐ Oil output by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, running at about 23 million barrels a day last month, needs to be cut by 2 million bpd to match second quarter need but thereafter demand will recover sharply, the International Energy Agency estimates.

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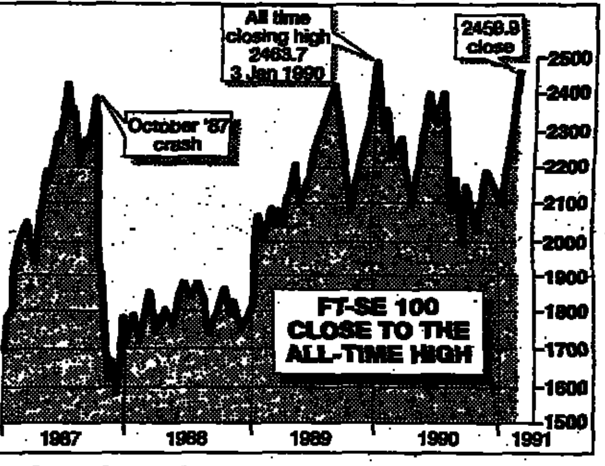

Power result pleases Wakeham

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Fine form: registrar Sarah Stent laden with applications at Lloyds in London's Cheapside

By Martin Waller

BY THE time John Wakeham, the energy secretary, slammed the door on last-minute investors at Lloyds Bank off London's Cheapside, 1.5 million applications for shares in the two electricity generators, had been counted.

The morning line of investors putting in last-minute applications has become one of the rituals of privatisation.

Although one of the government advisers put a brave face on it and talked of a "managed queue," yesterday's publicity set-piece was more a case of hunt-the-investor. There were no hordes of potential shareholders threatening to bring traffic to a halt in parts of the City as they had done when the 12 electricity distributors were floated off late last year.

The registrars handling the issue are talking of perhaps 1.8 million people looking for shares in National Power and the smaller PowerGen by the time the final count is done tomorrow, while others close to the issue were looking forward to a total of 2 million.

Mr Wakeham was not disappointed by the turnout so far. He said: "I think it's been an extremely good result. We were looking for plus of 1 million retail investors, and we're going to have substantially more than that."

The majority of the applications came in this week, attracted by the fast-rising stock market since the issue was priced a fortnight ago. Mr Wakeham came in for heavy criticism during the distributors' sale because of the high premiums seen in first dealing.

He denied that the rise in the market meant the generators had been sold too cheaply. "When you price an issue, you price it at the time you have to. I didn't see that there were too many people around telling me I had underpriced it then — if anything, they said it was a bit too tight."

The issue has already been oversubscribed, and the public element will, therefore, be increased to 49 per cent of the issue under the clawback arrangements.

The number of applications will be known tomorrow, and allocation policy should be announced on Sunday.

On the unofficial "grey market" run by IG Index, the City financial bookmaker, last night, PowerGen was indicating a premium of 29p when dealings start on Tuesday and National Power one of 22p.

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SB meets top debut forecasts with £860m

By Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor

SMITHKLINE Beecham, the Anglo-American pharmaceutical and health products group, met the best outside forecasts in the first full year since the merger of SmithKline Beckman and Beecham with pre-tax profits of £860 million for 1990 and earnings of 41p per share.

On a pro forma basis for the combined group, profits after tax rose by 39 per cent and earnings per share by 37 per cent despite the rise of sterling against the dollar. SB shares beat the market with a 31p rise to 753p, although the 3.8p per share fourth-quarter dividend, making 14p net for the year, was less than some had hoped.

Robert Bauman, the chief executive, said: "We created a new company and virtually achieved our financial and operating objectives in our first full year of operation."

He said the group already operated as a single entity in all territories, had closed 17 plants, 17 distribution centres and 14 offices and had cut its workforce by 2,900, or 6 per cent, not allowing for disposals of businesses. Full merger benefits would take three years, but all main disposals had been completed.

Sales from continuing operations rose 6 per cent to £4.5 billion in sterling, but by 9 per cent on constant exchange rates. Trading margins rose from 17 to 20.8 per cent. This stemmed mainly from cost savings, with much of the rest coming from spreading overheads. SB claimed increased market share for several leading drugs.

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Next to put Sears bid to shareholders

By Gillian Bowditch

THE battle for Grattan, the mail order arm of Next, gathered pace as Next agreed to put Sears' £150 million offer for Grattan to its shareholders. Next had previously recommended a £140 million offer from the German group Otto-Versand.

Otto, meanwhile, took its stake in Next to 9.9 per cent. It will be able to vote the stake at the Next extraordinary general meeting on March 13.

Sears' offer for Grattan is unconditional, while Otto's bid is conditional on it being cleared by the European Commission. Sears last night wrote to Next shareholders explaining its offer.

Apart from the price, the terms of the two offers for Grattan are identical. Both Sears and Otto have agreed to acquire £4 million of debt with the business and to pay interest to Next on the purchase price from the beginning of last month until completion. This could be worth as much as £3 million to Next.

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Holder in ILG seeks protection

By Angela Mackay

OMNI Holding, the debt-laden master company of Werner Rey, the Swiss financier, who last week injected £40 million into the British travel conglomerate International Leisure Group, is seeking protection from creditors under a court-supervised moratorium.

Mr Rey resigned as chairman of Omni yesterday after stepping down as chief executive this week, but remains on the main board as a director.

Omni shares resumed trading in Zurich yesterday after a week's suspension, and plunged to a close of SwFr270 (£106) compared with SwFr640 when the stock was suspended and SwFr1,130 five weeks ago.

ILG, owner of Air Europe and Intasun, which also faces financial problems, confirmed it had received £40 million from Omni in return for a 49 per cent stake.

Omni has been trying to sell assets to reduce debt, which stood at SwFr3 billion at the end of 1989. Assets then stood at SwFr4 billion. Omni may be forced to liquidate many of its non-core assets, which could include the ILG stake.

Airlines rush in Heathrow bids

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

INTERNATIONAL airlines yesterday took immediate advantage of the scrapping of rules governing access to Heathrow by applying for take-off and landing slots to the airports scheduling committee.

About six airlines put in bids to switch operations from Gatwick to Heathrow and the committee began a computer check to ensure that sufficient space was available on the runway, in the air and in the terminals for the proposed flights. The results should be known early next week.

The most popular times are already filled and no space remains until the late afternoons and evenings, however, and many applications are certain to be turned down.

The final number of airlines bidding will depend on the outcome of talks in Washington today in which a new air services agreement is being negotiated between Britain and America. Britain has so far refused to give in to Washington pressure to allow United Airlines to take over Pan Am's Heathrow operations before Pan Am is forced out of business, but a deal now appears likely. American Airlines wants to take over TWA's services to Heathrow and in return Britain is pushing for greater access to the domestic US market.

Virgin Atlantic hopes to be flying alongside British Airways to several destinations in America and to Tokyo although Virgin, like other international carriers and charter airlines, may be forced to accept an unpopular and inconvenient take-off and landing slot or remain at Gatwick. ☐ United Airlines' parent, UAL, has unveiled plans to raise $225 million to buy Pan Am's operations at Heathrow.

British agreement to the acquisition is vital for Pan Am. It has to repay a multi-million dollar loan tomorrow and without the $290 million United will pay for its London routes, may have to shut down.

The fund raising will mean the issue of 1.5 million UAL shares, 200,000 of which will be on offer to British and other European investment institutions. No prices has been put on the new shares.

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Home truths from Alexander

By Neil Bennett
Banking Correspondent

BANKERS rarely advocate cutting back lending, even in these recessionary times, but Lord Alexander of Weedon, chairman of National Westminster, seems to have taken the principles of prudent banking to heart. He wants to see banks and building societies limiting their mortgage lending to help cure Britain's inflation.

Lord Alexander blames inflationary house prices for the volatility of the economy and the depth of the current recession. He made his plea for mortgage limits to the Commons' Treasury select committee. "In the three economic cycles we have seen, there has been a housing-led boom. This has led to a release of equity from housing. We then get excess consumption, which has to be dampened down through high interest rates. These cut a swathe through the corporate sector."

Lord Alexander recalled one newspaper headline that declared: "Good news for house prices, after an interest rate cut". He said: "In Germany, this would have read 'bad news'." To counter this inflation, he called for limits on mortgage tax relief and a larger rental sector. He also suggested the establishment of an informal limit on borrowing to as little as 60 per cent of a house's value. "Such limits would make it less likely for people to rush into the housing market with as big a mortgage as they can manage," he said.

NatWest is not about to limit its own lending. Lord Alexander said the system would discriminate against first-time buyers unless inflation was cured, and the limit needed to be accepted by all mortgage lenders.

The chairman was giving written and verbal evidence to the select committee for its report on the forthcoming Budget. He emphasised the need to reduce inflation, and the value of the exchange-rate mechanism as a tool. He said: "Compliance with the ERM will give us a discipline which we have never accepted ourselves. Lower inflation is in the interests of society. If we do not achieve it, we will not be competitive in Europe and we cannot get around it by financial manipulation any longer."

Lord Alexander also reassured the committee that Britain's banks were safe, despite a financial reporting season that has witnessed more than £3 billion in bad debt write-offs.

He denied there was a credit crunch under way, but he admitted that banks will be more wary about lending, even when the economy recovers. If Lord Alexander has his way, potential homeowners will notice the difference.

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Chartered jumps to £16m

CHARTERED WestLB, the Anglo-German merchant bank, lifted pre-tax profits 21 per cent to £16 million despite a provision for unpaid fees from Polly Peck International, the collapsed trading group.

Chartered was formed last year after Standard Chartered, the banking group, sold a 50 per cent stake in its merchant bank to Westdeutsche Landesbank and Südwestdeutsche Landesbank.

Profits were boosted by activity in the bank's developing country finance group, which traded $9 billion in Third World debt.

The bank provided less than £1 million for fees owed by Polly Peck. Chartered advised Polly Peck's board on the abortive buyout offer from Asil Nadir, the chairman, and later arranged a debt standstill, which eventually collapsed, among Polly Peck's creditors.

UK's tourism deficit widens

Britain's deficit on tourism widened slightly last year to £2.43 billion as Britons increased their spending on foreign travel in spite of the deteriorating domestic economy.

Overseas visitors to Britain rose 2 per cent to 17.7 million, boosting spending by 8 per cent to £7.47 billion. Britons travelling abroad fell 1 per cent, but they spent £9.9 billion, a 6 per cent rise.

Midland rating

Midland Bank, where Sir Kit McMahon resigned as chairman on Tuesday, faces a downgrading by Standard & Poor's, the debt rating agency. S&P has put Midland on credit watch, which means the bank is likely to be downgraded soon from its A+ level.

Car sales fall

New car sales in Britain last month totalled 124,342, the lowest for February for nine years, and more than 25 per cent down on last February. Commercial vehicle sales fell to 17,214, a 39 per cent drop since last February.

Profits grow

William Sinclair Holdings, the garden products group, reported £1.77 million (£1.45 million) interim pre-tax profits. Turnover grew to £14.9 million (£12.6 million). Earnings per share are 6.8p (5.8p). The dividend is 1.6p (1.45p).

Steel talks

British Steel and Swedish Steel, a state owned group, are discussing a merger of their electrical steel activities in Newport, Gwent, and Surahammars, Sweden. They have combined sales of £100 million a year.

AFBD to close

The Association of Futures Brokers and Dealers will be wound up on April 1 1992, after the planned merger with The Securities Association. The AFBD will not be able to admit new members after April 1 this year.

Cadbury's turnover tops £3bn helped by UK boost

By Colin Campbell

MICHAEL POWELL

How sweet it is: Dominic Cadbury drinks to robust annual profit figures

CADBURY Schweppes, the confectionery and beverages group, dismissed stock market talk that it is about to raise fresh capital, saying "we have no plans for a rights issue".

Dominic Cadbury, chief executive, said that it was not only the Kuwaitis who had returned to Kuwait City. "Our operations there, interrupted by the Gulf war, have been resumed," he added.

Pre-tax profits of Cadbury Schweppes rose from an adjusted £244 million to £280 million in the year ended December 29, on sales that topped the £3 billion mark for the first time at £3.15 billion — a 13.3 per cent increase over 1989.

Trading profit was 22.5 per cent higher at £334 million, and the final dividend rises from 7.9p to 8.5p, making 11.5p (10.7p) a share for the year.

The shares rose 13p to 377p as analysts said there were generally pleased with the figures.

The trading margin rose from 8.1 per cent to 10.6 per cent, and the group continued to plough funds behind its products with a marketing spend of £325 million, up 9.2 per cent, and a capital spend of £213 million (up 6.2 per cent).

Mr Cadbury said an agreement in principle for a joint venture with Apollinaris would improve access to the fast-growing German market, to complement the group's joint venture interests in Egypt and Brazil.

Sales were especially strong in Britain, rising from £1.26 billion to £1.48 billion, on which Cadbury reported British trading profits of £148 million (£100 million).

Cadbury UK gained 2.5 percentage points in the home confectionery market, to give it a 36 per cent slice. The group's beverages sales at £1.82 billion represented 58 per cent of total sales.

Last October, General Cinema, the American group that had been a holder of Cadbury shares for a number of years and whose intentions were often subject to market speculation of a possible bid, placed its 16.7 per cent holding in Cadbury with a variety of British institutions. Mr Cadbury said the group was now pleased with the composition and spread of its share register.

It was too early to say how trading patterns were developing in 1991, though the important Easter season — traditionally accounting for around 12 per cent of annual sales — was expected to be "on track".

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Pentland plans to buy within a year

By Gillian Bowditch

PENTLAND Group, the consumer goods company, plans to spend its £200 million cash pile on acquisitions within the next 12 months.

Frank Farrant, Pentland's finance director, said the group was not in talks, but is looking to acquire businesses that sell "branded consumer non-durables".

The group made pre-tax profits of £55.3 million in 1990, down from £71.4 million. The interest charge from £414,000 to £7.92 million. Earnings per share fell from 11.8p to 9.42p. The final dividend is 0.44p, making 0.75p, a rise of 25 per cent.

Stephen Rubin, chairman, said comparison of pre-tax profits with those of the previous year was difficult because of the merger of Pentland Group and Pentland Holdings in 1989.

Pentland is reviewing its dividend policy after disposing of its Reebok stake. The policy will be reflected in the dividend announcement accompanying the interims in August and shareholders are expecting a substantial rise in the payout.

Heywood Williams aims to raise £28.3m

By Our City Staff

HEYWOOD Williams, Britain's largest glass distributor, is raising £28.3 million through a rights issue to reduce borrowings and finance acquisitions and capital expenditure.

The fully underwritten two-for-nine issue is being launched at 245p against a pre-announcement market price of 320p. The shares fell 10p to 310p on news of the cash call.

The company said the adverse trading conditions in 1991 "should make available further acquisition opportunities at realistic prices". Heywood has pursued an acquisition policy over the past ten years and in 1990 acquired 11 companies for a total initial consideration of £15.5 million.

Heywood also announced results for the year to the end of December. Pre-tax profits fell to £23.1 million from £31 million. The final dividend is maintained at 8p, making an unchanged 12.5p for the year.

Oftel acts to end telephone duopoly

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

SIR Bryan Carsberg, the telecommunications regulator, is today making the first move towards ending the telecommunications duopoly between Mercury and British Telecom.

After a review of the duopoly, published this week, Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, announced he would open the industry up to greater competition, a move he said would mean lower telephone charges for virtually everyone.

The Office of Telecommunications (Oftel) is placing in newspapers today advertisements proposing about a dozen changes of the licences of both BT and Mercury, covering more than 50 controls on such issues as price, interconnection and social obligation. The law offers people 28 days to register objections to the proposed changes. Once that period has passed, any potential service providers will be able to apply for licences for new networks.

Oftel privately expects no more than about 10 new providers to come forward in the wake of the duopoly review. Any more, it believes, and the economies of scale would not be advantageous.

Sir Bryan yesterday fleshed out many of the practical details of the operation of the new competitive environment for telecomms.

BT had claimed that the review's outcome was largely satisfactory to the company, which controls about 95 per cent of the market, because it endorsed price rebalancing — the ability to realign prices between fixed equipment and call charges.

Sir Bryan said yesterday that while he had accepted the principle of rebalancing after 1993, he had given no commitments on the speed or extent of any rebalancing.

Oftel will publish on Monday details of a study on a new numbering plan for telephones.

First loss in 30 years for Trade Indemnity

By Jonathan Prynn

TRADE Indemnity, Britain's leading domestic credit insurer, has declared its first loss in 30 years, as the recession bites deeper into the corporate sector.

A £28.8 million pre-tax loss for the year to end-December, compared with a £17.2 million profit in 1989, was announced after underwriting provisions of £40.8 million. The underwriting profit for the 1988 year, which was closed at the 1990 year end, was £9.3 million, against £14.1 million for the previous year. The 1990 final dividend of 1p (1.22p) makes an unchanged 1.9p.

The provisions cover anticipated losses for the 1989 and 1990 years. Provisions for commercial mortgage indemnity business amount to £12.9 million for the two years. Trade Indemnity withdrew from this sector last March.

Claims net of recoveries reached a record £86 million against £34.3 million in 1989. New business written was also a record, at £27.1 million, compared with £15.2 million.

The losses reduced Trade Indemnity's operating solvency ratio to 105 per cent. Charles McCartan, an associate director, described the ratio, which refers to shareholders' funds as a percentage of net written premiums, as "lower but satisfactory".

Trade Indemnity predicts a minimum 25 per cent increase in corporate failures this year, after the 77 per cent increase in 1990. Mr McCartan said measures, including increasing premium rates by 40 per cent, would protect Trade Indemnity from the worst effects of the deterioration in corporate credit.

Richard Duggan, the chief executive, said Trade Indemnity would need some form of cash injection if the company is to take over the short-term commercial risk insurance business of the Export Credit Guarantee Department. He would not say whether this might include a cash call.

Trade Indemnity has been shortlisted as a potential buyer along with five other bidders. Mr Duggan said: "I would rule out a rights issue for our ongoing business because we don't need it."

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

TKM rises 22% to defy motor gloom

TOZER Kemsley & Millbourn, the car distributor owned by Sir Ron Brierley's IEP, has beaten the gloom in the motor trade to produce a 22 per cent increase in pre-tax profits from £52.6 million to £64 million last year. Sir Ron bought the outstanding 23.7 per cent in TKM last year for £85 million and the company has new been delisted.

TKM's insurance against the recession appears to be a broad range of franchises in several countries. A year ago, TKM paid £100 million for Western Motors, the importer of Soviet Lada cars. The franchise peformed well. Other franchises include Ferrari, Proton and Mazda. Earnings per share rose 20 per cent to 17.4p, while turnover increased 7 per cent to £1.14 billion. The company's interest bill doubled to £14.7 million, reflecting acquisitions that were made last year.

Alfa-Laval rises by 18%

ALFA-LAVAL, the Swedish food and dairy engineering group, for which Tetra-Pak, the milk and juice carton maker, has launched a Kr16 billion (£1.48 billion) takeover bid, has reported an 18 per cent increase in net profits to Kr1.67 billion in 1990. Sales were up from Kr15.23 billion to Kr17.88 billion. The dividend has gone up from Kr5.25 to Kr6.

Kwik-Fit sets up subsidiary

KWIK-FIT Holdings, the automotive parts retailer, has formed an £80 million property subsidiary, Kwit-Fit Properties, to manage and develop its property portfolio of tyre and exhaust centres. Martin Smith has been appointed managing director of properties for the subsidiary, which will manage assets amounting to about £80 million at cost.

Fairey advances 16%

IMPROVED margins and a surge in interest receipts helped Fairey Group, the specialist engineering group, to a 16 per cent advance in full-year profits, despite the loss of Middle East filtration business. Pre-tax profits increased from £12.5 million to £14.6 million in the year to end-December, on turnover ahead from £83.2 million to £86 million. Earnings per share climb from 24.7p to 27.6p. The final dividend is raised to 5.5p (5.0p) for a total of 8.25p (7.4p) for the year. The shares responded with a 25p rise to 256p.

Ferromet in buyout talks

FERROMET Group, the USM-quoted metals group that mainly supplies raw materials from America to the stainless steel industry in Europe and Southeast Asia, is involved in talks that could lead to a management buyout. The shares firmed by ½p to 2p. Ferromet said that any offer is unlikely to be above the current share price.

Airbus row goes to Gatt

THE transatlantic dispute over subsidies to the civilian aircraft industry has intensified as America opened proceedings in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade against Germany's use of exchange rate guarantees to cushion sales of Airbus planes. Gatt agreed during yesterday's meeting in Geneva to set up a panel to settle the dispute.

CRH rises to £80m

CRH, the building materials group and one of Ireland's bigest firms, reported an increase in pre-tax profits from Ir£80.57 million to Ir£87.64 million (£80 million) for last year. Sales were up 19 per cent at Ir£1.22 billion. Last year, CRH spent Ir£158 million on investments and acquisitions, which included Coalite Building Supplies in Britain and a 50 per cent holding in HGP Industries, an American glass maker. Earnings per share rose 10 per cent to 23.81p on a fully diluted basis. The final dividend is 4p per share, making a total dividend of 6p, an increase of 14.3 per cent.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Alld Lyons	460	85	91	100	2	6	8
(*533)	500	47	58	70	6	15	20
	550	14	27	43	25	38	40
ASDA	120	24	29	30	1	2½	4
(*141)	130	16	21	24	2	4½	7
	140	8½	14	17	6	8	10
Bass	1050	67	98	125	18	37	48
(*1065)	1100	37	67	97	40	60	75
	1150	19	-	-	75	-	-
Boots	300	65	69	73	1	4	5
(*355)	330	36	43	51	2½	9	12
	360	14	23	33	12	21	23
Br Airways	140	36	37	40	1	3½	5½
(*172)	160	19	22	27	4	8	13
	180	6½	12	17	14	21	23
BP	300	46	50	56	2	5½	8
(*334)	330	20	29	36	7½	13	19
	360	5½	14	21	25	29	32
Br Steel	130	18	21	22	2	5	6
(*142)	140	10	14	15	4	8	9½
	160	2	-	-	18	-	-
C & W	460	102	114	125	1½	7	10
(*542)	500	65	80	94	5	14	19
	550	28	45	62	22	32	38
CU	460	78	83	87	1½	6½	11
(*529)	500	38	53	60	10	17	25
	550	9	26	35	38	43	48
Courtauld	330	66	70	80	1½	4	6
(*389)	360	38	45	56	4½	11	13
	390	19	25	37	15	22	24
GKN	330	68	65	67	3	7	11
(*389)	360	33	43	49	9	16	22
	390	13	28	33	23	28	35
Grand Met	650	118	136	150	2½	10	13
(*747)	700	72	95	112	8	21	24
	750	37	63	81	25	37	42
ICI	1000	117	135	150	11	27	37
(*1103)	1050	67	102	120	28	40	57
	1100	35	-	-	53	-	-
Kingfisher	390	70	76	83	1¼	7	9
(*443)	420	42	50	62	5½	13	16
	460	16	29	41	22	30	31
Ladbroke	240	50	52	60	3	7	10
(*276)	260	30	35	47	6½	13	18
	280	15	25	35	12	20	26
Land Sec	500	65	75	83	3	7	10
(*555)	550	27	38	51	12	23	27
	600	7	16	28	47	55	60
M & S	220	32	35	42	1	5	7
(*243)	240	16	21	29	6	12	14
	260	5½	11	19	16	23	25
Sainsbury	300	47	52	62	1	4½	6½
(*334)	330	20	31	40	6½	13	16
	360	6½	15	24	24	30	31
Shell	420	67	80	90	3	6	9
(*475)	460	33	50	58	8	11	21
	500	10	28	35	30	33	38
Smth Beech	650	116	132	148	2½	10	15
(*753)	700	71	95	110	9	20	26
	750	36	61	80	23	38	45

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Storehse	110	13	17	20	5	7½	10
(*117)	120	7	11	14	8½	13	15
	130	3½	7	-	15	20	-
Trafalgar	220	51	51	62	3	9	12
(*263)	240	35	39	49	6	17	22
	260	21	28	38	14	27	31
Ultramar	300	60	69	73	3	5	7
(*350)	330	32	43	51	3	11	14
	360	14	25	36	20	25	27
Unilever	600	147	147	-	2	4	-
(*733)	650	97	107	124	5	10	14
	700	51	65	82	14	21	25
	750	15	38	55	36	42	47
Utd Bisc	330	57	60	68	2	4	6
(*379)	360	28	38	46	6½	11	14
	390	8	20	29	22	25	29

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAA	390	52	58	70	7	14	18
(*425)	420	32	40	52	18	27	30
	460	13	-	-	42	-	-
BAT Ind	550	175	175	-	2	4	-
(*713)	600	125	132	145	4	10	13
	650	80	92	110	11	20	23
	700	45	63	79	25	37	45
BTR	360	50	63	65	6	10	14
(*401)	390	29	42	47	16	20	25
	420	16	-	-	33	-	-
Br Aero	550	113	127	138	7	12	17
(*658)	600	67	90	103	18	25	32
	650	38	63	75	33	45	52
Br Telecm	280	63	67	69	1	4	5
(*334)	300	44	50	54	3	8½	9
	330	23	30	35	10	18	21
Cadbury	330	52	65	73	3½	6	8
(*377)	360	30	45	53	11	15	18
	390	13	24	35	26	29	31
Guinness	750	83	107	122	11	20	23
(*824)	800	48	75	90	28	37	42
	850	22	49	67	55	63	68
GEC	180	36	39	40	1½	4	5½
(*209)	200	20	23	27	5½	10	10
	220	8	12	15	15	21	23
Hanson	200	39½	43	48	1½	3	4½
(*230)	220	23	27	34	5	8	9½
	240	10½	16	23	13½	17	18
LASMO	330	60	72	80	4½	8	12
(*376)	360	40	52	58	11	14	19
	390	21	34	43	25	30	32
P & O	500	137	140	-	3	5	-
(*625)	550	90	95	102	8	13	21
	600	46	62	67	25	32	38
Pilkington	160	40	40	44	2½	6	7
(*192)	180	25	24	32	6½	12	15
	200	13	16	22	16	24	25
Prudential	200	36	40	42	2½	4½	6½
(*229)	220	18	26	29	8	11½	14
	240	7½	16	20	19	21	23

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Racal	180	42	47	53	2	5½	7
(*211)	200	26	33	39	6	11	13
	220	15	22	27	15	18	23
	240	7	-	-	28	-	-
RTZ	420	128	134	-	2½	4	-
(*538)	460	89	99	105	6	9	13
	500	52	67	77	14	19	25
	550	20	40	49	38	44	48
Scot New	330	73	80	-	2	4½	-
(*389)	360	48	55	63	5	10	13
	390	27	35	45	15	22	26
	420	14	22	31	33	40	43
Tesco	214	45	50	-	2½	4	-
(*252)	233	28	34	-	4½	6	-
	253	12	20	-	11	13	-
Thames W.	280	37	42	47	4	9	11
(*304)	300	23	28	33	9	16	20
	330	9	13	17	25	30	36
Lucas	140	33	39	42	2½	4	5½
(*170)	160	17	25	28	8	10	13
	180	7	12	17	17	20	22

	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Fisons	390	80	90	100	2	5	7
(*459)	420	51	66	78	6	11	14
	460	21	37	52	20	24	28

	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Abbey Nat.	220	60	60	63	1	2	3
(*276)	240	40	41	46	1	4	6½
	260	20	26	33	4	7½	12
Amstrad	60	15	18	22	½	2	4
(*74)	70	6	10½	14½	2	5	7
	80	1½	-	-	7	-	-
Barclays	390	67	68	73	3	7½	15
(*451)	420	37	45	52	6	17	25
	460	7	22	32	28	35	43
Blue Circ	240	38	42	50	1¼	7	11
(*269)	260	20	28	36	3½	13	20
	280	7½	17	26	13	24	28
Br Gas	220	28	35	39	1½	3½	6½
(*244)	240	10	21	24	4	8½	13
	260	2½	10	13	17	19	24
Dixons	160	26	36	39	1	4	5½
(*181)	180	11	21	23	5	10	13
	200	3	9	15	18	21	24
Glaxo	950	88	125	-	5	20	-
(*1034)	1000	48	90	-	15	37	-
	1050	18	62	-	40	59	-
Hawker	460	120	125	138	1	7	11
(*567)	500	80	90	103	3	14	22
	550	38	53	72	10	35	40
Hillsdown	180	53	57	61	1	3½	6
(*226)	200	33	37	45	2	8	12
	220	16	24	35	5	16	21
Lonrho	200	43	50	52	1½	4	7
(*239)	220	21	32	38	3	8	12
	240	7	21	25	10	16	22
Midland	160	33	40	44	2	5	7
(*189)	180	13	26	30	5½	11	15
	200	4½	14	21	17	22	26
	220	1	7	12	32	35	40
Reuter	750	97	-	148	6	-	37
(*838)	800	55	-	115	15	-	58
	850	24	-	90	40	-	75
R-Royce	160	17	20	27	2½	6	9
(*174)	180	4	10	15	11	16	18
	200	1	4½	-	30	31	-
Sears	80	18	20	20	1	3	5½
(*95)	90	8	11	12	1½	6	7
	100	2	5½	8	6	10	12
THF	260	28	35	41	2½	8	12
(*281)	280	12	19½	28	8	16	20
	300	5	11	19	18	28	32
Thorn EMI	600	157	177	177	1	2½	5
(*752)	650	107	132	128	1½	6	13
	700	57	90	90	5	14	25
	750	30	50	57	17	38	47
TSB	130	31	35	39	1	2	2
(*159)	140	20	26	30	1	3	5½
	160	4½	12	14	5	9	11
Vaal Reefs	50	12	16	17	1	4	6
(*559)	60	5	10	12	4	9	11
Wellcome	460	80	97	115	2	9	15
(*529)	500	40	67	85	7	21	27
	550	11	39	57	28	42	47

	Series	Mar	May	Aug	Mar	May	Aug
Eastn Elec	140	32	37	40	1	2½	4½
(*169)	160	14	19	23	3	7	10
	180	3	8	12	12	14	21
Sthrn Elec.	140	42	47	-	1	2½	-
(*180)	160	23	28	-	2	4	-
	180	7½	13	-	7	10	-
Elec Pack.	1800	160	210	-	20	50	-
(*£1898)	1850	120	170	-	30	60	-
	1900	90	140	-	60	80	-

FT-SE INDEX (*£2455)

	2250	2300	2350	2400	2450	2500
Calls						
Mar	242	187	114	100	61	34
Apr	263	218	177	128	95	68
May	270	230	189	152	115	88
Jun	290	248	210	169	140	108
Dec	—	335	—	275	—	215
Puts						
Mar	4	8	10	18	36	56
Apr	13	20	25	37	52	74
May	20	26	40	50	64	103
Jun	30	35	48	57	80	95½
Dec	—	70	—	105	—	145

March 6, 1991 Total: 50045 Calls 34337 Puts 15708 *Underlying security price. FT-SE: Calls 11083 Puts 5934

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

PICKWICK GROUP (Fin) Pre-tax: £6.92m (£4.40m) EPS: 16.5p (12.3p) Div: 3.7p, mkg 5.35p	Last time's total dividend was 4.25p. Turnover grew to £74.5m (£53.3m). Group benefited from its product range and distribution network.
STAT-PLUS GROUP (Fin) Pre-tax: £5.71m (£5.32m) EPS: 17.2p (16.2p) Div: 3.5p, mkg 6.25p	Turnover was static at £11.9m. Interest income rose to £1.84m (£1.37m). Last time's total dividend was 5.5p.
CLOSE BROTHERS (Int) Pre-tax: £6.22m (£6.05m) EPS: 10.23p (9.64p) Div: 2.8p (2.6p)	Board reports that current conditions are challenging. Group has maintained high cash balances of £27m.
GALLIFORD (Int) Pre-tax: £3.61m (£4.07m) EPS: 2.72p (3.47p) Div: 0.95p (0.95p)	Turnover £116.3m (£97.1m). Board can foresee no circumstances in which final dividend will not at least be maintained.
STAR COMPUTER (Int) Pre-tax: Loss £253,000 LPS: 3.7p (9.5p) Div: Nil (nil)	Pre-tax loss last time was £649,000. Star is selling its SCS hardware maintenance business to Misys for £2.7m.
INSTEM (Fin) Pre-tax: £1.01m EPS: 14.0p (12.9p) Div: 1.65p, mkg 2.85p	Last time's profit was £885,000 and total dividend was 2.5p. Turnover grew to £11.2m (£8m). Group expects further improvement.
HAGGAS (JOHN) (Int) Pre-tax: £355,000 EPS: 1.06p (1.45p) Div: Nil	Last time's profit was £487,000. Turnover fell to £15.6m (£17.6m). Company said trading continues to be difficult in all areas.
PATHFINDERS (Int) Pre-tax: Loss £157,000 LPS: 0.5p (EPS: 0.39p) Div: Nil	Profit last time was £142,000. Turnover fell to £540,000 (£1.06m). Profit this time is after exceptional items of £170,000.

SKF. Twelve months Group profits for 1990.

SKF, the world's leading manufacturer of roller bearings, is making a positive response to the worldwide economic downturn. The company has already taken a strong position in the markets currently experiencing favourable growth: particularly the markets of Asia and the Pacific.

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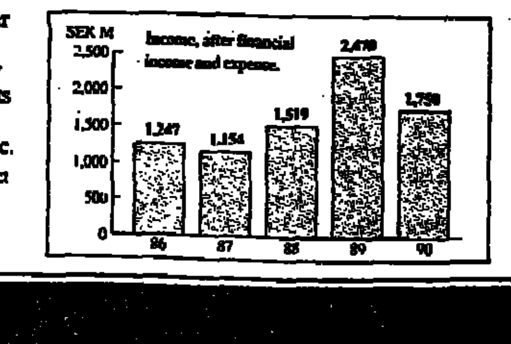

Year to December 31, 1990	Swedish Kronor	Sterling equivalent
Income after financial income and expense	1,750M	167M
Earnings per share	7.70	73p
Proposed dividend per share	4.25	40p
Group sales increased by 10% to SEK 27.8 billion (£2,648M)		

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Generators set for a premium

COMMENT

The power privatisation was a low-key affair. There were bigger queues at some of the surrounding sandwich bars in the Square Mile than outside the receiving banks yesterday morning, incontrast with the electricity distributors' float last year, when long lines stretched round the block.

That may emabarrass government advisers, but surely not investors who recall that the overwhelming public interest in the 12 regional companies led to a record 12.75 million applications, widespread disappointment and disillusion.

The generators could still go the same way. Current estimates by the registrars point to 1.8 million applications. Such forecasts have proved too conservative in the past. The basic flotation may have been five times' subscribed and will surely trigger a full clawback of shares privisionally allocated to institutions. The average of applications counted so far has been for 850 shares and any late run by speculators, spurred on by the now-familar rise in share prices since the public issue price was fixed, may on past performance have bid for more. The issue's promoters will certainly hope so. Should investors have bunched their applications near the minimum £300, heeding their experience in the distributors' flotation, the government could be forced into an unseemly and deeply unwanted ballot that would finally turn popular capitalism into a casino.

Full clawback, as well as boosting the retail investor's share of the issue from 28 per cent to 49 per cent, will also trigger the so-called back-end tender, which should be one of the clear successes of the issue. Institutions originally had to tender the price they would be prepared to pay for their basic allocation, but they only had to pay the common cut-off price decided by the government. The back-end tender takes this basic auction procedure a stage further.

Institutions who had already been allocated the shares will now be required to tender for them again, at not less than the 100p part-paid price, in a secondary offer of 16 per cent of the issue which will be completed by the weekend. The taxpayer will therefore take some benefit from the 6.4 per cent rise in the market, as measured by the FT-SE index, since impact day.

A successful tender offer, as seems probable if the market holds up, would virtually ensure a premium on the first day of dealings on Tuesday.

Invitations to City advisers to participate in the sale of the remaing half of Brtish Telecom are almost certainly imminent, now the dnopoly review is published.

Those advisers can and should expect a rerun of the mechanics of the generators' float, now the government at last seems to have got it right.

SB doubts

So far, coming together is definitely good for SmithKline Beecham. Quarterly results leave dull longer term perspective, so there was little surprise in the final outcome of Bob Bauman's initial efforts to make the merger of two historically diverse groups work.

Fans were originally outnumbered by sceptics who felt that fashionable bigness in the international pharmaceutical industry would produce more fat and fancy salaries for top executives that genuine synergy. The fancy salaries are there, but sceptics have had to rethink as the surge in the share price of this truly mid-Atlantic stock has shown in recent months. Pharmaceuticals, which make up half sales and two thirds of continuing trading profits, managed to raise trading profits by 34 per cent in 1990. Management is full of statistics to show how combining the two sales forces strengthened distribution, raising sales on heavy fixed overheads way ahead of the industry average, especially in America, and increasing market share in crucial areas where SB is up against competing drugs.

That stress is partly defensive. Tagamet, the group's big-selling ulcer drug, is on the decline. While Augmentin, which fights infection, is in the $1 billion league, the group appears to lack a blockbuster replacement. Market doubts have therefore centred on the group's ability to grow profits at 15 per cent or more a year omce the merger benefits are fully realised. The market rating now demands no less. The shares sell at 18 times earnings, yield less than 2.5 per cent and face a further adjustment to a higher pound/-dollar exchange rate this year.

Mr Bauman's answer is that the impressive flow of successful new medium-sized drugs provides a better answer even though a Zantac would not come amiss. On such a strategy, the effectiveness of the sales force in maximising margins on mature drugs and promoting newer products in competitive markets is crucial. Research and development takes a respectable 14 per cent of pharmaceutical sales, yet, significantly, Mr Bauman sees the most likely source of outside impetus as licensing other companies' drugs.

Meanwhile, there is much comfort comfort in respectable in a 19 per cent rise in trading profits of consumer brands, which make up 22 per cent of the total. In the older Beecham tradition, debt has also fallen to 80 per cent of equity and cashflow should quickly bring this down to 50 per cent. A sound growth company has been created.

UK airlines braced for Heathrow dogfight

DAVID Moss, under secretary at the transport department, will have the strongest hand ever dealt to a British aviation official when he sits down in Washington today to negotiate a bilateral air services agreement with his American opposite number.

Mr Moss — who has been called Britain's answer to Stormin' Norman Schwarzkopf — will almost certainly come away with significant new opportunities for British airlines to fight for custom in America and a deal that will enable United to take over Pan Am's Heathrow operations, so saving the ailing carrier from total collapse in the nick of time.

While Mr Moss, or at least his political master, Malcolm Rifkind, is receiving the plaudits for having stood up to intense lobbying and pressure from the Americans, however, Britain's own aviation industry is in turmoil.

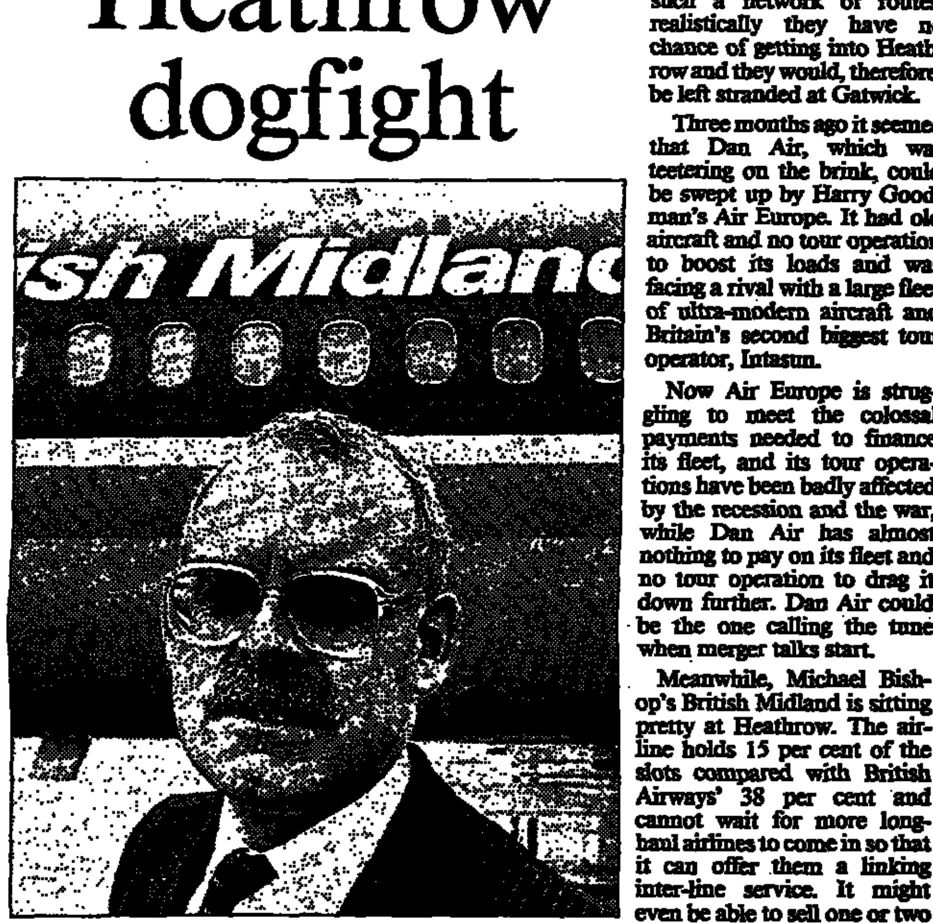
No airline can plan beyond the next few months as they wrestle with the recession, the lingering effects of the Gulf war and the scrapping of rules governing which airline can operate from Heathrow.

Airlines were yesterday coming to terms with the changes, which pessimists believe could lead to Gatwick's demise as a major scheduled airport, Stansted being turned into a white elephant, chaos at Heathrow and regional carriers being forced out of Heathrow.

Optimists say British Airways will now face real competition from the likes of Virgin Atlantic and that normal market forces and the shortage of landing and take-off slots at Britain's premier airport will prevent a mass migration there. They say predicted growth in passenger numbers will mean Gatwick and Stansted will prosper.

The rules preventing new airlines flying into Heathrow were introduced largely to protect the developing Gatwick. Now, a week before the Queen opens a £400 million terminal at Stansted, they have been scrapped so, technically, enabling any airline to apply to begin services from Heathrow.

At least three things are certain to prevent any wholesale switch, however, one of which is in the hands of Mr Moss in Washington. Under the terms of the bilateral agreement between Britain and America, specific airlines are allowed into specific airports. Agreements between other countries simply say that each can nominate an airline to fly between two cities without naming the particular airport or airline.



Well placed: Michael Bishop of British Midland

At Heathrow, for the moment, Pan Am, TWA and British Airways are the named carriers for flights to America. The new agreement, if Mr Moss has his way, will name two airlines on either side — substituting United for Pan Am and American for TWA and adding Virgin to the British side. Other US carriers would have to remain at Gatwick but under different regulations. Those airlines that can apply to operate to Heathrow, led by All Nippon, Cathay and Air New Zealand, will have to find a slot at an airport already full at all the popular times.

Heathrow can handle about 1,000 movements a day, of which about 100 are not taken up. These are during late afternoon and evening, which is fine for airlines flying in from and out to Japan, but hopeless for transatlantic services. So All Nippon should have little difficulty in finding the right slots for its five-times-a-week service to Tokyo from Heathrow, rather than Gatwick. Richard Branson's Virgin Atlantic will have far more difficulty in getting into the airport at the right time.

Mr Rifkind believes long-haul international carriers will be able to "buy" the necessary slots from regional airlines whose profit margins on small aircraft are low and who would rather have money in the bank. That, too, may not be as simple as it sounds. When airlines are granted slots at an airport they not only have to reach an agreement with their rivals, they must also win approval from BAA, the airport owner, which has to be sure the terminals can handle the number of passengers. Replacing a 40-seat aircraft with a 400-seat jumbo would mean the terminals, each limited to fewer than 6,000 passengers an hour, would not be able to cope.

If, despite the problems, many inter-continental airlines do switch to Heathrow, the future looks particularly grim for Air Europe and Dan Air. Both rely heavily on "inter-lining" passengers who want to switch to a European or domestic carrier. Because they would need dozens of slots at Heathrow to operate such a network of routes, realistically they have no chance of getting into Heathrow and they would, therefore, be left stranded at Gatwick.

Three months ago it seemed that Dan Air, which was teetering on the brink, could be swept up by Harry Goodman's Air Europe. It had old aircraft and no tour operation to boost its loads and was facing a rival with a large fleet of ultra-modern aircraft and Britain's second biggest tour operator, Intasun.

Now Air Europe is struggling to meet the colossal payments needed to finance its fleet, and its tour operations have been badly affected by the recession and the war, while Dan Air has almost nothing to pay on its fleet and no tour operation to drag it down further. Dan Air could be the one calling the tune when merger talks start.

Meanwhile, Michael Bishop's British Midland is sitting pretty at Heathrow. The airline holds 15 per cent of the slots compared with British Airways' 38 per cent and cannot wait for more long-haul airlines to come in so that it can offer them a linking inter-line service. It might even be able to sell one or two highly prized slots. Already some believe that within the next few years British Midlands will merge with British Airways, so that one single, powerful airline can really begin to compete with the rest of the world at Heathrow. For the moment, however, everyone is awaiting the result of today's meeting in Washington when we will know just how successful Mr Moss has been, and for the applications to come in from those airlines wanting to fly from Heathrow. If there is a real flood, British Airways will not give up a single slot. It is determined to hang on to what it has and, if possible, expand. The airline needs new terminals to do so, however, and no application to build one has yet been made, although it is expected shortly. For British Airways, like every other airline, it all means a long-term plan now encompasses the next six months.

HARVEY ELLIOTT
Air Correspondent

Fitter GKN fights its corner

TEMPUS

TEN years ago recession found GKN overmanned and overextended. Fierce cost-cutting and closures and disposals during the Eighties sent it into the current downturn in far healthier shape. But fitness and good health alone are an inadequate defence against an epidemic.

The trouble with retrenchment is that it can remove potential safety nets. When the world's motor industry goes into reverse, GKN is left without a foreward gear to lean on. Not only was a slide in pre-tax profits inevitable last year, but the group is already resigned to a further setback this year — and may be lucky to achieve much of a recovery next time.

What the rationalisation has done is to limit the damage caused by recession. The £172 million pre-tax outturn for last year, against £214.8 million previously, looks acceptable given the deterioration of which the group complains in almost all its major markets. It might, however, have been worse but for an advance in the contribution from associates. Here, the Chep pallet venture in Europe and a 25 per cent improvement from the Westland stake outweighed a 20 per cent downturn to £52 million in the group's share of United Engineering Steels' profit.

The two core trading divisions shared similar experiences. Demand for automotive and engineered products weakened progressively in America, and the UK as the year lengthened, to leave trading profits down from £117 million to £90 million. And now the continental European market is turning down.

Industrial services and distribution could only make £59 million against £75 million as construction related markets in Britain, America and Australia deteriorated.

But while a decade ago it was reasonable to ask whether GKN would emerge from recession in any kind of recognisable shape, tighter financial controls mean that the only question this time is whether recovery will begin next year or in 1993.

The answer depends on whether the German motor industry is still buoying up continental European demand when the American and British markets begin to pick up.

Meanwhile, skilful financial management has trimmed net borrowings from £297 million to £220 million, reducing gearing from 44.6 per cent to a comfortable 32.3 per cent.

With the dividend looking safe enough — £142 million pre-tax this year will provide earnings of 28.4p, and some cover for a maintained 20.5p payout — the hatches are well battened down. But at 390p, up 11p in yesterday's surge, and on a prospective p/e multiple of 13.7, the shares look high enough.

Cadbury

CADBURY Schweppes could be accused of moving the goal posts after adopting average exchange rates for its 1990 figures.

Because of the accounting change, Cadbury is able to boast a 4.4 per cent advance in net earnings to 25.29p a share. Otherwise, Cadbury would have showed a 1.6 per cent advance. Net borrowings are down from £424 million to £364 million, of which £40 million stems from the exchange restatement and £20 million is accounted for by cash inflow.

Cadbury's net gearing of 49.7 per cent at December 29 thus looks more healthy than the previous 62.4 per cent level. But at least the move is in the right direction, and interest cover remains healthy at 5.8 times (or 4.7 times now there is preference capital).

Cadbury Schweppes sells a lot of chocolates and beverages, as sales and profit figures for 1990 show. And with a one billion litre increase to seven billion litres in beverages sales, and a 100,000 increase to 450,000 in tons of confectionery sold, the City found more with which to be pleased than disappointed in the results.

Pre-tax profits at £279.6 million, up 14.4 per cent, on sales that rose by 13.3 per cent to £3.15 billion contained no surprises *per se*. At the trading level, profits rose 22.5 per cent to £333.9 million, but that was more genuine than exchange-rate assisted.

Within its trading profit, Cadbury saw £32 million of increased activity and a £37 million fillip from acquisitions and disposals.

The final dividend rises from 7.9p to 8.5p, making 11.5p (10.7p) for the year, and in a buoyant market the shares ran 13p ahead to 377p.

Market sentiment was additionally helped by assurances that "there is no intention to make a rights issue", though clearly if a tempting target comes Cadbury's way, a funding exercise would be understandable.

As the world is expected to continue to munch its way through chocolates, group pre-tax profits could be headed for the £310 million to £315 million range this year, to put the shares on a rating of 13.8 times. After their recent strong performance, the shares — like chocolates — need a period of digestion.

BICC

THE well anticipated sharp downturn in second-half profits at BICC, the cables to construction group, duly materialised, with the company reporting pre-tax profits of £183 million for the year to end-December, 9 per cent lower than in 1989.

Given the forewarning, BICC shared in yesterday's recovery, closing at 435p, over 130p above the low hit last autumn when the profit worries first materialised. But after a bounce of that magnitude, is BICC beginning to look a bit expensive?

Certainly the company's balance sheet is in good shape. Sir William Barlow, the chairman, is rightly proud of the fact that the company began 1991 with no debt on balance sheet. However, this pride must be tempered somewhat by the £250 million or so of debt held off balance sheet.

There are question marks over how quickly BICC's earnings will recover from a worldwide recession. Worst affected are the group's Australasian operations (operating profits down 39 per cent), its North American cables business (31 per cent lower) and Balfour Beatty, down 29 per cent to £32.8 million.

Only a sparkling performance from BICC Cables, where operating profits rose 26 per cent to £110.2 million, and the continuing turnaround of BICC Technologies enabled Sir William to show such confidence.

Others are more cautious. Profits this year could be £150 million to £170 million and little more the year after. There are worries too about future dividends. This year the final was maintained at 13.25p to give a total of 19.25p (19p), but earnings per share, — down 13 per cent to 40.2p — are clearly under pressure. On a p/e of 12 to 13, the shares are becoming expensive.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Clifton is pick of the pack

AFTER spending at least a year choosing from more than 100 candidates, the London division of Banque Paribas has found a UK strategist. He is Paul Clifton, who was one of the top three oil analysts in his early days at Hoare Govett. Clifton, aged 50, went on to join Scott Goff Layton, became a partner and stayed on with Smith New Court when it bought Scott Goff. He left Smith New Court two years ago for Schroder Securities, where he specialised in pharmaceutical research. He resigned from Schroder this week. Chris Cartwright, head of equities, explains that the difficulty in finding the right person for the job stemmed from his insistence on finding someone with a pan-European outlook. "We were very demanding in what we wanted. We wanted someone who knew what they were talking about and who was attracted by being with a European house rather than a UK one." Clifton is due to start on April 15.

THE power of the trade unions is not what it was — as Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, discovered the other day. Trying to sign a cheque at the checkout of a superstore close to his home in Ashford, Middlesex, he realised he had no means of identification. "The lady in front knows me," said Willis. "She can vouch for me, can't you?" "Yes," replied the woman, "you're Ron Todd."

Mr USM saves day

THE seemingly cursed USM awards dinner, renamed the PLC Dinner, and scheduled to take place at the Royal Lancaster Hotel this evening, has been dealt another blow. Guest speaker John Redwood, minister for corporate affairs, who is known to have one of the coldest handshakes in Whitehall, pulled out late yesterday afternoon, without giving any clear reason for his surprising action but amid speculation that it had something to do with the ministry of defence. Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, the accountancy firm, which agreed to sponsor the event a week ago, at considerable cost, when *PLC Magazine*, its original organiser, went into liquidation, has persuaded Brian Winterflood, of Winterflood Securities, and popularly known as Mr USM, to step into Redwood's shoes. Given Winterflood's colourful turn of phrase and his outspoken views on the subject of smaller companies, it could well turn out to be a blessing in disguise.

"I see definite signs of a recovery."

CAR SALES
RECOVERY VEHICLE

AN agony aunt to help with personal problems is being introduced at Lucas, the car parts group. The company is hiring a counsellor to try to reduce absenteeism caused by domestic problems. The service will be confidential and available to 1,500 workers at the three plants in Birmingham. In Britain overall, 78 million working days are lost each year through problems such as depression, drink and drug abuse — more than four times the number lost through industrial action.

Power struggle

CARY Martin, deputy chief executive at Dewe Rogerson and the man in charge of selling the electricity industry, had some unwelcome news on the power front on Tuesday night, as the last applications from the general public for shares in the two generators were being filled in. His house in Fulham was plunged into darkness after builders sawed through a power cable. London Electricity, presumably paying back old favours, promised to work through the night to restore the service. Shades of the British Telecom float, another Dewe Rogerson job, when the main switchboard was cut off on impact day.

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1	Ratners Group	Drapery,Stores	
2	South West	Water	
3	Lon Intl	Industrials L-R	
4	Higgs & Hill	Building,Roads	
5	Arlen	Electricals	
6	Black (Peter)	Industrials A-D	
7	Carlton Comm	Leisure	
8	Attwoods	Building,Roads	
9	TVS	Leisure	
10	Capital Radio	Leisure	
11	Elliott (B)	Industrials E-K	
12	MB-Caradon	Industrials L-R	
13	First Leisure	Leisure	
14	Braithwaite	Industrials A-D	
15	Westpac	Banks,Discount	
16	Cont Stationery	Industrials A-D	
17	Nthn Foods	Foods	
18	Wharman	Industrials S-Z	
19	Whitecroft	Industrials S-Z	
20	Oxford Instruments	Electricals	
21	Ferguson Intl	Paper,Print,Adv	
22	Glynwed	Industrials E-K	
23	Norcros	Industrials L-R	
24	Mitie Gp	Industrials L-R	
25	Abbey	Building,Roads	
26	Waddington (J)	Paper,Print,Adv	
27	Cannon St	Industrials A-D	
28	Barrett (H)	Industrials A-D	
29	Greene King	Breweries	
30	Wilkes (James)	Industrials S-Z	
31	Br Airways	Transport	
32	North West	Water	
33	Graig	Transport	
34	Bank Of Scotland	Banks,Discount	
35	Hazlewood Foods	Foods	
36	Argyll	Foods	
37	Northumbrian	Water	
38	Unigate	Foods	
39	BICC	Electricals	
40	Ocean Group	Transport	
41	Wardle Storeys plc	Chemicals,Plas	
42	Charter Cons	Industrials A-D	
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93⅝	85⅝	Treas	3% 1991	96⅝	..	3.0	9.659
93½	90⅝	Fund	5¾% 1987-91	98⅝	●..	5.7	10.958
97⅞	87⅞	Treas	8% 1991	97⅞	..	8.1	11.181
99⅜	94⅜	Treas C	10% 1991	99⅞	..	10.0	12.012
99⅝	98⅝	Exch	11% 1991	99⅝	..	11.0	11.424
99¾	92⅞	Treas	11¾% 1991	99⅝	..	0.00	0.000
93	82⅝	Treas	3% 1992	93	..	3.22	8.848
97	85⅝	Treas	8% 1992	96⅝	..	8.24	10.937
99⅝	90⅝	Treas	10% 1992	99	..	10.0	11.048
99⅝	88⅝	Treas C	10½% 1992	99⅜	..	10.5	10.953
102⅝	92	Exch	12¼% 1992	101⅝	+⅛	12.0	10.838
101⅝	93⅜	Treas	12¾% 1992	101⅛	..	12.6	11.140
104	96⅝	Exch	13½% 1992	103⅝	●+⅛	13.0	10.726
92⅝	81⅜	Fund	6% 1993	92⅝	●..	6.48	9.239
96⅝	86⅝	Treas	8¼% 1993	96⅝	+⅛	8.5	10.518
99⅝	87	Treas	10% 1993	99	+⅛	10.1	10.523
104⅝	93⅝	Treas	12½% 1993	104⅜	+⅛	12.0	10.483
108⅜	94	Treas	13¾% 1993	107⅝	+⅛	12.7	10.468
95⅝	84⅝	Treas	8½% 1994	95⅝	+⅛	8.9	10.340
96⅝	82⅝	Treas	9% 1994	96⅝	+⅛	9.3	10.196
99⅝	84	Treas	10% 1994	99⅝	+⅛	10.0	10.246
106⅜	94⅝	Exch	12½% 1994	106⅝	+⅛	11.7	10.295
109	94⅜	Exch	13½% 1994	108⅝	..	12.4	10.312
111⅝	98⅝	Treas	14½% 1994	110⅝	..	13.1	10.255
87	72½	Gas	3% 1990-95	84	..	4.07	10.786
100⅜	88	Exch	10¼% 1995	100⅝	+⅛	10.2	10.200
106⅛	94⅝	Treas	12% 1995	105⅝	+⅛	11.3	10.223
109⅜	94⅜	Treas	12¾% 1995	109⅝	+⅛	11.6	10.227

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

1990/91 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int grsy yld%	Gross Red yld%
96⅝	82⅜	Treas	9% 1992-96	96⅜	●+⅛	9.3	9.964
100	83⅝	Conv	10% 1996	99	+⅛	10.1	10.228
112⅜	96	Exch	13¼% 1996	111⅝	+⅛	11.9	10.430
113⅝	100⅝	Treas	14% 1996	112⅝	+⅛	12.4	10.505
119⅝	102⅝	Treas	15¼% 1996	118⅝	+⅛	12.8	10.461
94⅝	79½	Treas	8¾% 1997	93⅜	+⅛	9.3	10.177
102⅝	87⅝	Exch	10½% 1997	101	+⅛	10.3	10.281
113⅝	98½	Treas	13¼% 1997	112⅝	+⅛	11.8	10.415
122⅝	106⅝	Exch	15% 1997	120⅝	+⅛	12.4	10.557
85⅜	69	Treas	6¾% 1995-98	84⅜	..	7.9	9.817
98⅝	83½	Exch	9¾% 1998	97⅜	+⅛	9.9	10.244
109⅝	83½	Exch	12% 1998	108⅝	+⅛	11.0	10.385
127⅝	107⅝	Treas	15½% 1998	126	●+⅛	12.3	10.441
97⅝	82	Treas	9½% 1999	96⅝	+⅛	9.8	10.158
101⅜	81⅜	Conv	10¼% 1999	99⅝	+⅛	10.2	10.299
102⅝	84⅜	Treas	10½% 1999	101⅜	+⅛	10.3	10.271
111½	94⅝	Exch	12¼% 1999	110	●+⅛	11.1	10.365
94⅝	78⅞	Conv	9% 2000	93⅝	..	9.6	10.114

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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
224	119	Ryl Bk Scot	202	205	+8	11.2	5.5	9.8
802	613	Schroders	750	770	+12	22.2	2.9	10.3
815	205	Stand Chart	320	325	+20	45.7	14.5	—
192	114	TSB	158	160●	..	8.5	5.3	11.9
611	480	Union Disc	570	580●	+3	46.7	8.1	10.1
525	284	Warburg SG	423	430	+23	20.0	4.7	7.5
179	50	Do 6% 'A'	138	141●	+5	8.0	5.7	—
58¾	21¾	Wells Fargo	41¾		+1	—	—	—
279	128	Westpac	180	184	+7	—	—	—
420	286	Wintrust	335	345●	+18	11.9	3.5	8.2

BREWERIES

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
537	408	Allied-Lyons	530	535	+12	28.4	4.4	11.2
11¾	895	Bass	10¾	10¾	—	43.2	4.0	10.8
170	124	Boddington	157	160	+2	7.2	4.5	18.7
211	187	Bulmer (H P)	207	215	+3	19.8	5.0	15.8
227	105	Burtonwood Brew	138	145	+4	5.3	3.7	13.2
410	290	Clark (Matthew)	383	388●	-1	18.0	4.5	13.8
208	115	Devenish (JA)	183	187	-2	7.1	4.3	12.1
115	45	Fosters Brewing Gp	53	55●	—			
735	521	Grand Met	747	751●	+14	27.2	3.8	13.5
389	274	Greenall Whit	333	338	+8	13.3	4.0	12.9
435	313	Greene King	423	428	+8	18.8	3.2	15.1
823	630	Guinness	812	817	+6	21.7	2.7	17.2
980	870½	Hardys & Hansons	950	970	+5	44.7	4.7	11.8
288	182	Highland Dist	280	287	-1	8.4	2.4	20.0
156	120	Invergordon Dist	152	158	+3	8.7	4.4	19.6
480	375	Mansfield	445	455	+2	15.3	3.4	11.7
222	160	Marston Thompson	207	211	—	5.8	2.7	17.0
300	240	Morland	255	262	—	8.8	3.2	13.3
740	483	SA Breweries	730	750				
407	278	Scot & New	387	390	-1	18.2	4.7	14.0
329	174	Vaux Group	243	250	+15	11.7	4.7	12.8
498	380	Whitbread 'A'	482	485	+2	20.4	4.2	13.5
14¾	11¾	Do 'B'	13	13¼	—	20.4	1.5	87.3
455	339	Wolverhampton & D	450	458	+2	12.4	2.7	12.8
435	369	Young 'A'	419	429	-1	16.0	3.8	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
130	40	Abbey	70	80	+5	—●	—	—
261	160	Amec	257	262	+2	13.0	5.0	7.6
132	17	Anglia Sec	48	52	+8	—	—	—
155	73	Arncliffe	90	105	—	9.0	9.2	2.5
501	182	Attwoods	230	235	+5	6.3	2.7	20.3
259	180	BPB Ind	223	227	-1	15.0	6.7	8.8
144	69	Baggeridge Brick	98	105	+7	4.2	4.1	12.0
71	25	Bailey (Ben) Constr	42	47	-2	2.5	5.8	4.7
185	67	Barbour Group	140	149●	+12½	5.1	3.6	15.0
215	57	Barratt Devs	95	99	+4	12.0	12.4	10.2
178	82	Beazer PLC	157	160	—	10.3	6.5	8.2
258	144	Bellway	255	260	+3	14.7	5.7	13.9
41	9	Bellwinch	15	18	-1	—	—	—
318	142	Berkeley Gp	310	315	-2	6.0	1.9	18.4
142	105	Bett Bros	107	117	+1	8.5	7.6	8.5
155	87	Blockleys	97	105	—	6.4	6.3	7.2
285	177	Blue Circle	270	272	-11	15.0	5.5	9.2
523	423	Boot (Henry)	515	530	+5	28.3	5.6	12.0
125	69	Breedon PLC	92	100	+1	6.0	6.3	10.8
165	93	Br Dredging	132	135	+2	9.3	6.9	9.8
119	72	Bryant	114	117●	+4	6.4	5.5	18.1
115	71	CALA	102	105	+1	4.5	4.3	13.7

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TRANSPORT

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
653	295	Eurotunnel Units	498	513	-7	—	—	—
59	17½	Eurotunnel Warrants	25	27	-4	—	—	—
151	75	Fisher (James)	110	115	-3	6.7	5.9	8.5
198	75	Graig	80	90	+7	3.3	3.9	4.3
125	94	Hays	120	124	—	4.9	4.0	12.7
75	36	Jacobs (JI)	49	51	+1	5.7	11.4	63.3
202	115	Lep	154	157	+4	8.3	5.3	18.8
35	15	Manchester Ship	17	22●	+1	0.0	0.3	5.0
211	133	Mersey Docks	183	188	+5	6.7	3.6	10.4
175	104	NFC	165	168●	+4	6.7	4.0	2.2
380	261	Ocean Group	357	363	+6	18.5	5.1	14.8
55	30	Ocean Wilson	43	48	+1	3.7	8.0	2.5
665	403	P & O Dfd	623	627	+3	40.7	6.5	12.2
114	79¾	P & O 5.5%	87	94	—	7.3	8.0	—
400	258	Powell Duffryn	321	327	+11	30.1	9.3	8.6
212	34	TIP Europe	72	75	+5	7.1	9.6	5.4
144	32	TNT	59	61	+3	—	—	—
348	243	Tibbett & Britten	342	350	+2	10.7	3.1	17.0
665	305	Tiphook	410	420	+11	13.3	3.2	8.8
248	161	Transport Dev	228	242	+3	12.7	5.3	13.7
245	85	Turnbull Scott	115	135	—	—	—	3.5

WATER

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
373	209	Anglian Water	303	305	+5	20.4	6.7	7.1
315	218¾	Northumbrian	310	314	+7	21.4	6.9	3.8
318	211¼	North West	303	306	+7	21.0	6.9	8.6
289	180	Severn Trent	282	284	+2	19.8	7.0	4.9
300	191	Sthn Water	277	278	+7½	20.0	7.2	8.0
327	203	South West	303	305	+8	23.2	7.6	4.9
315	206	Thames Water	304	306	+3	21.4	7.0	7.6
334	219	Welsh Water	332	335	+5	22.4	6.7	5.4
374	203	Wessex Water	363	366	—	20.3	5.6	7.8
321	221½	Yorkshire Water	310	314	—	20.8	6.6	6.7
£1304	£1000	Package Unit	£1304		+£38			

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

WALL STREET

Dow tests the 3,000 level in early trading

New York

BLUE chips were slightly lower at midday on some profit-taking. The Dow Jones industrial average was 24.51 higher at 2,997.03 at 12.30pm after being as high as 2,999.75.

Eugene Peroni, the vice-president of technical research at Janney Montgomery Scott, said: "It was fleeting. I am not surprised it is running into a little bit of turbulence. It is building a base for a decisive move above the 3,000 level."

● **Tokyo** — Prices ended higher on general euphoria, triggered by a surge on Wall Street overnight. The Nikkei index was up 469.51 points, or 1.81 per cent, to 26,382.99.

● **Frankfurt** — A flood of foreign orders swept prices higher as euphoria in New York and Tokyo moved to Frankfurt. The Dax index rocketed 54.06 points to 1,594.32.

● **Hong Kong** — Shares ended sharply higher as heavy buying in New York on Tuesday spilled over into Asian markets. The blue-chip Hang Seng index jumped 46.84 points, or 1.3 per cent, to 3,647.33.

(Reuter)

	Mar 6 midday	Mar 5 close		Mar 6 midday	Mar 5 close		Mar 6 midday	Mar 5 close
Abbott Lab	45%	45%	Enron	55%	55%	Oryx Energy	38%	38%
Aetna Life	45%	45%	Ensergy	23%	23%	Pac Ent	41%	41%
Ahmanson	18%	18%	Ethyl	30%	30%	Pac Gas Elec	25	24%
Air Prods	67%	66%	Exxon	55	54%	Pac Telesis	42%	42%
Albertsons	42%	42	Fed NMA	47%	47%	Paccar	41	40%
Alcan Al	23%	23%	Fedrl Exprs	39%	40%	Pacificorp	21%	22
Alco Stand	33%	33	Flt Norstar	18%	18%	Pall	32%	32
Allied Signal	30%	30%	Fluor	51%	52%	Paramount	41	41
Alumin CA	68%	67%	FMC	36%	37%	Parker-Hanin	27%	28%
Am Brands	46%	46%	Ford Motor	34%	33%	Penney	56	58%
Am Cyanamd	57%	55%	FPL	30	30	Pennzoil	70%	71%
Am EPC	28%	28%	Fst Chicago	25%	25	Pepsico	33%	33%
Am General	37%	37%	Fst Intrsta	35%	35%	Pfizer	105%	107
Am Home	57%	57%	Fst Union	20%	20%	Philips Pet	28%	28%
Am Intl	95%	95%	Gannett	40%	40%	Philips Elec	19%	19%
Am Medical	5%	5%	Gen Cinema	23	23%	Phlp Morris	68%	67%
Am Stores	78%	78%	Gen Elec	69	69	Phlps Dodge	69	69%
Amax	26%	27	Gen Mills	54%	55%	Pitney Bow	53%	54%
Amer Hess	49%	49%	Gen Motors	41%	40%	Plcr Dome	14%	14%
Ameritech	65%	65%	Gen RE	97	98%	PNC Fncl	30%	29
Amex	27%	26%	Gen Signal	43%	43%	Prindle Esm	14%	14%
Amoco	52%	51%	Genentech	26%	26%	Polaroid	27%	27%
AMP	53%	53%	Genuine Pts	41%	42	PPG Inds	52%	53%
AMR	62	62%	Georgia-Pac	43%	42%	Proctr Gmble	85	84%
Anheuser-B	46%	46%	Gillette	75%	76	Price	44%	44
Apple Comp	64%	63%	Goodrich	42%	41%	Primerica	33%	33%
Archer-Dan	22%	22%	Goodyear	24%	23%	Pub Service	26%	26%
Arkla	19%	19%	Grace	31%	30%	Quaker Oats	57%	58%
Armstrong	28%	28%	Greyhound	30%	30%	Ralston Pur	107%	106%
Asarco	29%	29%	Gt Atlantic	53%	53%	Raychem	26%	26%
Ashland Oil	33%	34%	Gt Western	17%	17%	Raytheon	78	76%
AT&T	34%	33%	GTE	31%	31%	Reebok	22	21%
Atlan Richfld	130%	130%	Halliburtn	53%	52%	Roadway	50%	50
Auto DP	66%	65%	Heinz	37%	36%	Rockwell	26%	27%
Avery Intl	24%	24%	Hercules	41%	41%	Rohm Haas	44%	44%
Avon Prod	49%	49%	Hershey Fd	39%	39%	Royal Dutch	81%	81%
Baltimore	27%	27%	Hewlett Pkd	49%	49%	Rubbermaid	44	44
Banc One	34%	35	Hilton Htl	46%	46	Rynlds Mtl	65	64%
Bankamerica	34%	33%	Home Depot	52%	51%	Safeco	40	40
Bard	22%	22%	Homestake	17	16%	Salomon	27%	27
Barnett Bl	24%	25%	Honeywell	61%	61	Santa Fe Pac	7%	8%
Bausch Lab	80%	79%	Houston Ind	36%	35%	Sara Lee	36%	36%
Baxter Intl	31%	32	Hsehld Intl	49%	49%	Scecorp	38	38%
Bec Dickin	73%	73	Humana	47%	47	Schlumbgr	64%	63%
Bell Atlan	47%	48	IBM	134	133%	Schrg-Plgh	51%	51
Bellsouth	52%	52%	IF&F	86%	85%	Scott Papr	45%	45%
Blr Hughes	28%	28%	Illinois TW	56%	56	Seagram	95%	96%
Black Decker	14%	14%	Inco	32%	32%	Sears Rbk	32%	31%
Block	50	50	Ingsol-Rand	52%	52%	Secrty Pac	28%	29%
Bnkrs Tst NY	47%	47	Inland Steel	25%	25%	Shrwn-Wilms	44%	43%
Boeing	50%	50%	Intel	52%	51%	Skyline	17%	17%
Boise Casc	27%	27%	Intl Paper	68	68%	Snap-on Tls	31%	31%
Borden	34%	35%	ITT	57%	57%	Southern	27%	27%
Brist-Myer	76%	77%	James River	26%	27%	St Paul	67%	67%
Browng-Fer	28%	27%	Johnsn Jhsn	86%	83%	Stanley Wk	35%	35%
Burl Nth	29%	30	K Mart	39%	38%	Stone Cntr	15%	14%
CAI	9%	9%	Kellogg	84	84%	Sun Co	34	33%
Campbell Sp	71%	72	Kerr-McGee	46%	46	Suntst Bk	26%	26%
Cap Cities	501	498%	Kmbly-Clrk	88%	87%	Super Valu	26%	26
Capital HC	45	45%	Knight-Riddr	50%	49%	SW Bell	54%	54%
Carolina	47	47%	Lilly	83%	84%	Syntex	77%	78%
Caterpillar	55	56%	Limited	25%	25%	Sysco	39%	39
CBS	165%	167%	Lin Brdcstg	70%	69%	Tandem	14%	14
Central SW	43%	43%	Lincln Nat	49%	50	Tandy	33%	32%
Champion	27	26%	Litton Ind	66%	66%	Tele-comm	15%	15%
Chase Man	15%	15%	Lockheed	40%	40%	Teledyne	24%	24
Chem Bnkg	18%	17%	Louis-Pac	32%	32%	Temple-In	38%	38%
Chevron	75%	75%	Manu Hano	26%	26%	Tenneco	49%	49
Chrysler	13%	14%	Marriott	20	19%	Texaco	65	64%
Chubb	66%	66	Marsh Mclen	78	78%	Texas Inst	42%	41%
Cigna	50%	50%	Martin Mar	50	49%	Texas Util	36%	36%
Citicorp	16	15%	Masco	22%	22%	Textron	29%	29%
Clbrne Liz	44%	43%	May Dept	54%	53%	Time Wrnr	109	110
Clorox	39%	40%	Maytag	14%	14%	Times Mirr	30%	30%
Cmwlth Edis	35%	33%	MCA	n/a	n/a	Timken	27%	27%
CNA Fncl	83%	85%	McDnl Doug	41%	40%	Torchmark	55%	55%
Coastal	33	33	McDonalds	33%	33	Toys R Us	28%	29
Coca-Cola	53	53%	McGraw-Hill	58	58	Transam	36%	35%
Colgate-Pal	75%	75	MCI Com	29	27%	Travelers	22%	21%
Columb Gas	45%	44%	Mead	30%	30%	Tribune	44%	44%
Compaq	72%	71%	Medtronic	117%	115	TRW	42%	42%
Conagra	49%	44	Melville	50%	49%	Tyco Lab	48%	48%
Cons Edis	24%	24%	Merck	103%	104	UAL	149%	151%
Cons NG	43%	44	Merll Lynch	31%	31%	Un Camp	43%	49%
Cons Rail	49%	49%	MMM	90%	90%	Un Carbide	20%	20
Cooper Ind	53%	54%	Mobil	63%	62%	Un Pacific	78%	79%
Corning	57%	57%	Monsanto	60%	60%	Unilever	88%	88%
CPC Intl	82%	81%	Moore	24	23%	Unisys	4%	4%
Crown Cork	64%	64%	Morgan	45%	45%	Unocal	28%	28%
CSX	37%	37%	Motorola	65%	63%	Upjohn	43%	45
Dana	30%	30%	Nat Medical	44%	44%	US West	39	38%
Dayton-Hud	70	69%	Nat Semi	7%	7%	Usair Gp	23%	24
Deere	52%	53%	Nat Service	26%	26	USF&G	9%	9%
Delta Air	76%	77%	Navistar	3%	3%	UST	42%	42
Deluxe	38%	38%	NCNB	31%	31%	USX	31%	31
Detroit Ed	28%	28%	NCR	98	98	Utd Tech	50%	50%
Digital Eq	80%	79%	NED Bncp	38%	38%	Utd Telcm	26%	26
Dillard	108	104%	Newmnt Min	39	38%	VF	26%	26%
Disney	127%	125%	Niagr Mhwk	14%	14%	Wal-Mart	37%	37
Dominion	46%	46%	Nike	49%	49%	Walgreen	n/a	n/a
Donnelley	48%	48%	NL Indstrs	13%	13	Waste Mgmt	43%	43%
Dover	41%	42	Nordstrm	35%	35%	Wells Fargo	80	78%
Dow Chem	58%	55%	Norflk Sthn	45%	45%	Westg Elec	30%	29%
Dow Jones	25%	25%	Norwest	25%	25%	Weyerhsr	24%	24
Dresser Ind	27%	26%	Nthn St Pwr	34%	34%	Whirlpool	27%	26%
Du Pont	38%	38%	Nthn Telcm	31%	31	Whitman	23%	23%
Duke Pwr	27	27%	NY Times	23%	23%	Winn-Dixie	38%	36%
Dun Bradst	47%	46%	Nynex	75%	75%	Woolworth	33%	33%
East Kodak	46	45%	Occid Petl	20%	21	Wrigley	60%	69%
Eaton	59	59%	Ohio Edi	17%	17%	Wrner-Lamb	78%	78
Emerson El	44%	44%	Oracle Sys	9%	9%	Xerox	58%	58

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
March 4	March 15	June 13	June 24

Call options were taken out on: 6/3/91 Antofagasta, Brent Walker, BTR Wts 93/4, Buckingham Intl, Cityvision, Cluff Res, Dares Estates, Davy Corp, Euro Disneyland, Ferranti, Gaewor, London Securities, Markheath, Meekatharra Minerals, Mountleigh, Next, Pavilion Leisure, Saatchi & Saatchi, Tuskar Res, Quiligotti, Securiguard.
Puts: Dixons Group, Manganese Bronze.
Put & Call: Euro Disneyland.

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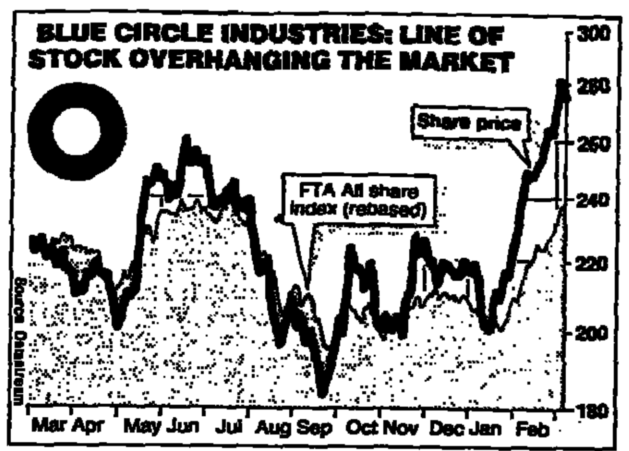
STOCK MARKET

German group lifts stake in Next shares to 10%



OTTO Versand, the German mail order group, has stepped up the battle for control of Grattan, a rival mail order group, by boosting its holding in Next, Grattan's parent company, from 3 to 10 per cent.

James Capel, the broker, swooped on the market in a surprise dawn raid, paying 34½p each for 27 million Next shares. But the Next price was unmoved at 33p. Otto Versand is currently offering £140 million for Grattan. By the close of business, 54 million shares in Next had changed hands.

The speculators claimed that the dawn raid could be the prelude to a full bid by the German company for Next. But, either way, the move will increase the pressure on Sears, the Selfridges and Saxone stores to Freemans mail order retailer, which this week topped Otto Versand's offer for Grattan by £10 million. Sears has always maintained that Grattan would fit in neatly with Freemans.

Meanwhile, share prices surged to their highest levels as a tidal wave of institutional buying hit the Square Mile. A rise of almost 60 points on Wall Street on Tuesday and a strong performance by Tokyo set the scene for another firm start to trading in London. Continental buyers led the way with demand extended to second and third line shares. They believe that shares in London remains cheap compared with other world markets.

Share shortages exaggerated price movements as market-makers went on the defensive with more than 1 billion shares traded. But the best levels were not held after Wall Street failed to follow up Tuesday's performance and profit-taking developed. The FT-SE 100 index touched 2,480.6 at one stage before closing 39.8 points higher at 2,459.9 — just 3.8 shy of its all-time high of 2,463.7 on January 3, 1990. The FT index of 30 shares jumped 30.5 points to 1,977.5.

Government securities were unable to muster much support. Gains of almost £½ were replaced by falls of £⅛ after Alan Greenspan, the chairman of the Fed, gave some gloomy comments on the credit squeeze in America.

Leading shares scored double-figure gains with **ICI** 23p higher at £11.03, **BOC** 14p at 583p, **British Aerospace** 17p at 658p, **Fisons** 20½p at 461½p, **Wellcome** 26p at 531p and **Allied-Lyons** 12p at 534p.

But **Blue Circle Industries** failed to share in the euphoria, dipping 8p to 274p. Dealers said that the reason for this was a line of 1.6 million shares overhanging the market. The shares have been trading close to their peak despite an expected drop in pre-tax profits from £231 million to £195 million in April because of the slump in the building industry and increased competition.

Midland Bank rallied 4p to 191p in the wake of Tuesday's decision to halve the dividend. But income buying for the dividend and further switching from Midland lifted **Barclays Bank** by 11p to 453p, **Lloyds Bank** 9p to 364p and **National Westminster Bank** 2p to 335p. **Standard Chartered**, the international banking group that is due to report next Tuesday, shrugged off recent weakness with a jump of 31p to 326p. Some in the City are worried that increased provisions will force the bank to follow the Midland and cut the dividend.

Carlton Communications, the film and television services group that has decided to bid for its own independent television franchise, rose 6p to 441p despite a cautious statement from Michael Green, the chairman, at the annual meeting. BZW has cut its profit forecast for the current year from £130 million to £110 million, compared with last year's £127 million. It has issued a warning that profits in the first half will suffer from the weak American dollar.

Metal Bulletin, the specialist publisher and conference organiser, rose a further 3p to 133p in response to record profits and an increase in the dividend this week. Elsevier, the Dutch publisher, owns 13.3 per cent of the shares and sees no reason to sell them.

Pearson, the publisher of the *Financial Times* and the owner of the Lazards merchant bank, disposed of its 22 per cent stake in Elsevier recently. The Pearson price advanced by another 10p to 759p.

GKN improved 12p to 380p after reporting a 20 per cent drop in pre-tax profits to £172 million — much in line with market expectations. The group blamed the recession in the British and American automotive and construction industries. David Lees, the chairman, issued a warning that the company would be forced to make further savings in costs. He said: "Although there may be an improvement in the second half of 1991, trading conditions are certain to be difficult."

Full-year figures from **Cadbury Schweppes** were also in line with expectations, showing pre-tax profits climbing 14 per cent to £279.6 million. The figure was achieved with the help of increased profits from its chocolate and beverage operations. Cadbury has cut borrowings by £60 million to £364 million and there was no sign of the much rumoured rights issue. The shares responded with a rise of 12p to 376p.

BICC rose 8p to 434p after reporting a drop in pre-tax profits from £201 million to £183 million. Profit downgradings this week suggested that the fall may have been worse.

Heywood Williams, the building materials group, fell 10p to 310p after announcing plans to raise £28 million by a rights issue. The terms are two new shares for every nine held at 245p each. The money will be used to reduce borrowings.

Vosper Thornycroft Holdings, the warship builder and engineering group, firmed 2p to 246p after a large line of stock, 4.75 per cent of the company, was placed with institutions.

Securiguard, the security services to industrial cleaning group, rose another 4p to 114p, helped by fresh demand for the shares from private investors.

MICHAEL CLARK

MAJOR INDICES

New York:
Dow Jones .... 2999.01 (+26.49)*
S&P Composite .... 379.50 (+2.78)*
Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .. 26382.99 (+469.51)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 3647.33 (+46.84)
FT-SE Euro 100 ..... 1089.64 (+25.47)
Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 92.8 (+1.8)
Sydney: AO .... 1413.4 (+38.4)
Frankfurt: DAX ..... 1594.32 (+54.06)
Brussels:
General .... 5740.84 (+106.10)
Paris: CAC .... 483.81 (+11.67)
Zurich: SKA Gen .... 559.8 (+10.9)
London:
FT.—A All-Share .... 1192.56 (+21.21)
FT.— "500" .... 1309.88 (+22.93)
FT. Gold Mines .... 142.7 (+0.2)
FT. Fixed interest .... 93.27 (+0.06)
FT. Govt Secs .... 84.94 (+0.20)
Bargains 58857
SEAQ volume 1050.9m
USM (Datastream) .... 127.48 (+2.66)

*Denotes latest trading price

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES	
Atlantis Resources	37
Aberforth Smr (100p)	119 +4
Brabant Res (155p)	134
CMW Group (30p)	25
Castle Comm (60p)	36½ +½
EFM Java Tst (50p)	39 +1
East German Inv	115 +1
Eidos (100p)	60 +1
Europe Energy	15
Faber Prest (175p)	129
Foreign & Col	49 +1½
Higncroft Inv	160
Invergordon (135p)	154 +3
Levercrest (108p)	84 +2
MMEC	8½
MMI (20p)	23½
Malaysia Capital	28⅞
Midland Radio	95
Pelican Gp (50p)	24
Proteus Intl (84p)	98
Seton Healthcare	166
St James Place (130p)	78 +3
Smaller IT	78 +1½
Stand Platform (225p)	168
Tr Euro G-wth (100p)	94 +3
Trio Inv Tst	45 +1
Uro Uniform	98
Unichem (100p)	150 −4
Wig Tpe App	230 +11

● *See main prices page for Electricity shares*

RIGHTS ISSUES	
Resort Hotels N/P	18 +2
Wilkes N/P	18 +1

(Issue price in brackets).

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	6,284	Cadbury	7,150	L&G	1,501	Royal Bnk	1,098
Allo-Lyons	5,263	CU	1,254	Lloyds	4,636	Royal Ins	2,044
Anglian	1,589	Courtaulds	2,380	Lonrho	3,652	Sainsbury	2,528
ASDA	6,551	Dalgety	792	Lucas	2,949	Scot & N	3,270
AB Foods	854	Enterprise	1,087	M&S	10,834	Sears	5,447
Argyll	4,787	Eurotunnel	297	Maxwell Cm	4,807	Severn Trnt	1,903
BAA	3,041	Fisons	4,606	MEPC	1,135	Shell	11,045
BET	5,498	Gen Acc	1,711	Midland	17,965	Smith & N	5,689
BTR	8,201	GEC	17,717	Nat West	6,898	SK Beech	4,539
BAT	2,624	Glaxo	4,768	N W Water	1,064	Sun Allnce	977
Barclays	4,268	Grand Met	3,777	P&O	524	Tarmac	2,207
Bass	694	GUS 'A'	594	Pearson	316	Tate Lyle	1,862
BICC	2,490	GRE	3,632	Pilkington	7,044	TSB	7,249
Bk Scotlnd	888	GKN	3,058	Prudential	4,010	Tesco	6,062
Blue Circle	2,325	Guinness	4,686	Racal	7,858	Thames Wtr	2,420
BOC	1,361	Hamm 'A'	379	Rh Hovis	2,212	Thorn EMI	1,427
Boots	2,641	Hanson	10,226	Rank	1,662	Trafalgar	4,820
Br Aero	3,468	H & C	3,802	R&C	328	THF	3,946
Br Airwys	12,748	Hawker	3,198	Redland	787	Ultramar	2,033
Br Gas	14,000	Hillsdown	2,690	Reed	899	Unilever	1,986
Br Petrol	17,691	ICI	3,092	Reuters	2,542	United Bis	1,143
Br Steel	14,836	Kingfisher	2,947	RMC Gp	970	Wellcome	1,518
Br Telecm	31,917	Lasmo	1,898	RTZ	1,820	Whitbrd	784
Burmah Cst	1,007	Ladbroke	5,069	R-Royce	7,409	Wgn Teape	4,730
C&W	6,899	Land Sec	1,068	Rothmn 'B'	751	Wills Cor	1,486

WORLD MARKET INDICES

Index	Value	Daily ch'ge (£)	Yearly ch'ge (£)	Daily ch'ge (lc)*	Yearly ch'ge (lc)*	Daily ch'ge (US$)	Yearly ch'ge (US$)
The World	665.7	1.8	16.0	1.4	14.6	0.5	13.4
(free)	127.2	1.8	15.9	1.4	14.5	0.5	13.3
EAFE	1131.9	1.9	15.4	1.8	14.5	0.6	12.8
(free)	116.2	1.9	15.2	1.7	14.2	0.6	12.6
Europe	689.9	1.9	15.9	2.0	16.4	0.7	13.3
(free)	149.0	1.9	15.6	1.8	15.9	0.7	13.0
Nth America	493.4	1.6	17.1	0.4	14.5	0.4	14.5
Nordic	1316.2	2.3	21.0	2.2	20.9	1.1	18.3
(free)	215.4	2.5	20.4	2.5	20.4	1.3	17.7
Pacific	2480.0	1.8	14.9	1.6	12.9	0.6	12.3
Far East	3595.1	1.7	15.0	1.6	12.9	0.5	12.4
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Convertible	43.38	46.13c	+0.91	8.10
East	118.7	127.7●	+2.3	1.20
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Euro Gth	177.1	187.5	+2.9	2.70
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Exempt	66.78	69.00	+2.72	4.10
German Gth	49.23	49.06	+0.79	0.50
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Do Inc	109.3	116.7	+1.9	2.55
High Inc	66.29	70.60●	+1.43	7.23
Income	98.51	105.8	+2.54	5.32
Man Portf Inc	81.18	86.49●	+1.98	3.02
Do Acc	147.5	157.2●	+3.6	2.20
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Growth	38.08	40.73a	+0.43	4.87
Income	47.73	51.08a	+0.43	6.82
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Nth Amer	42.83	45.81a	+1.56	0.88
Global	51.44	55.02●	+1.23	1.70
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Japan	94.08	100.6	+1.79	0.01
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Euro Growth	70.65	75.40	+1.22	2.52
Far East $ S	61.73	65.85	+1.45	0.84
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Income	445.4	473.2	+11.4	5.42
Intl Gth	58.40	62.32	+1.59	1.71
Jap Index	61.04	65.14●	+1.13	0.19
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Fxd Int Inc	110.8	110.8	+1.26	10.46
Do Acc	119.8	119.2●	+2.36	..

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Intl Inc	62.28	66.60	+0.56	3.60
NAm Gth	44.87	47.77	+1.32	1.53
Pacific Gth	68.87	73.44	+2.30	2.03
UK Gth Acc	82.79	88.54●	+2.18	2.67
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Inc	62.90	66.91●	+0.85	5.35
Do Acc	73.81	78.52●	+1.11	5.35
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Do Acc	30.32	32.26●	+0.64	3.89
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Do Acc	68.91	73.31	+0.89	4.23
W'wide Bond	44.20	47.02●	+0.32	6.16
W'wide Sp Sits	43.86	46.70	+0.77	1.41
Do accum	45.06	48.18	+0.85	1.41
Quilter Gen Inc	102.0	108.6c	+2.1	2.43
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Do Acc	76.22	81.09●	-0.38	10.77
Equity Acc	127.3	135.4●	+2.17	5.79
Do Acc	366.2	389.6●	+6.22	5.79
High Yield Inc	103.9	110.6●	-1.48	7.02
Do Acc	349.9	372.2●	-5.00	7.02
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Do Acc	90.96	96.79	+2.19	1.77
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Do Acc	166.5	177.1	-0.38	10.83
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PPT Commod	45.75	48.67	+0.57	4.71
PPT Europe	123.2	131.1	+1.71	0.96
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Exempt Mngd	133.6	139.6	..	2.10
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High Dist	143.3	152.3	+4.0	7.08
High Inc	103.2	110.2●	+3.0	7.10
Intl	252.3	268.1	+6.1	1.56
Pacific	33.16	35.25	+0.84	0.43
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UK Gth Accum	147.3	156.7	+4.0	2.29
UK Hi Inc	112.0	119.2	+2.9	5.84
UK Hi Inc Acc	115.8	123.2	+2.8	5.84
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Euro Acc	101.1	107.5	+1.5	0.26
UK Gilt/FI Inc	64.16	67.52	+0.23	8.27
Do Acc	75.06	79.71	+0.31	8.27
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Gt/Fxd Interest	48.16	50.69	..	9.47
T Of Inv Ts	104.0	109.4●	..	3.22
Spec Sits	95.10	100.1	..	4.55
N Am	65.69	69.36	..	1.36
Far East	158.1	166.4	..	1.47
Intl Gth	72.76	76.60●	..	2.94
Euro	54.52	57.38	..	1.97
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Higher Inc Acc	444.1	472.6	+14.2	5.42
Do Inc	300.7	319.9	+9.6	5.42
Gilts/Fxd Acc	122.0	130.0●	+0.8	9.30
Do Inc	79.02	83.18●	+0.37	9.30
N America	142.3	151.4	+5.3	0.00
Far East	208.8	222.2	+3.9	0.87
Europe	210.6	224.1c	+5.5	0.44
Genrl	352.4	374.9c	+11.7	3.80
Genrl Acc	344.7	366.6c	+11.3	3.80
Br Excellence	52.82	56.20	+1.66	3.58
Br Funds Inc	57.34	61.00c	+1.56	6.63
Do Acc	65.86	70.16c	+1.80	6.63
Global Ops	53.35	56.76	+1.11	0.52

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Balan Gth Acc	78.96	84.45	+3.96	3.15
Do Inc	75.06	80.28	+3.79	3.15
High Yield Acc	40.26	43.06	+1.03	5.12
Do Inc	32.54	34.81	+0.83	5.12
Inc Gth Acc	62.51	66.85	+1.72	5.36
Do Inc	45.83	49.01	+1.26	5.36
Service Co Acc	61.85	66.15	+1.83	2.65
Do Inc	59.41	63.54	+1.75	2.65
Am Gth Acc	28.30	30.26	+0.96	2.11
Do Inc	27.77	29.70	+0.94	2.11
Euro Gth Acc	26.66	28.52●	+0.74	1.43
Do Inc	26.17	27.99●	+0.74	1.43

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	140.3	148.4	+5.1	0.00
Cash Unit	128.9	e	..	13.83
European	99.28	105.8	+1.47	0.00
Gth/Inc	128.2	137.5	+3.8	4.86
Inc Plus	108.3	116.2●	+2.5	6.87
UK Gth	50.33	53.96	+1.24	0.00

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
8th Floor, Exchange Hse Primrose Street London EC2A 2NY Tel: 071-628 8000

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Euro Income	80.84	86.26●	+1.72	2.84
Far East	112.8	120.3	+6.2	0.00
O/seas Income	61.87	65.84	+1.70	4.26
UK Growth	74.03	79.18	+2.41	2.78
UK Inc Fund	104.5	111.8	+2.9	6.57
US Smlr Cos	108.4	117.6	+2.9	0.00

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
155, Bishopsgate London EC2M 3FT Tel: 071-374 4100

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Smlr Cos	221.2	236.2	+6.4	..
Do Acc	226.0	240.3	+6.5	..
Am T'md Inc	226.7	243.2	+8.2	..
Do Acc	237.2	252.3	+8.5	..
Capital Inc	228.2	242.7c	+6.5	4.09
Do Acc	299.6	318.6c	+8.6	4.09
Cont Smlr Inc	41.84	44.59	+0.65	0.96
Do Acc	41.84	44.59	+0.65	0.96
Conv Inc	99.72	106.0	+1.46	8.12
Do Acc	162.8	173.1	+2.4	8.12
Euro Inc	89.12	95.36	+1.24	1.04
Do Acc	90.47	96.80	+1.25	1.04
Extra Inc Inc	245.8	261.4●	+7.5	6.26
Do Acc	313.7	333.6●	+8.8	6.26
Financial Acc	57.53	61.19	+0.96	1.61
Do Inc	56.24	59.82	+0.96	1.61
Inc Trust	161.4	171.6	+6.0	5.73
Do Acc	202.6	215.4	+8.4	5.73
Intl Gth	198.1	212.2	+7.0	..
Do Acc	220.0	235.6	+7.8	..
Jap & Gen Inc	140.6	150.7●	+2.9	..
Do Acc	142.3	152.2●	+2.9	..
Mangd Port Inc	72.2	78.0	+1.8	1.84
Do Acc	72.2	78.0	+1.8	1.84
Monthly Inc	120.6	128.2●	+3.7	6.36
Recov	188.0	199.9●	+6.0	1.93
Do Acc	216.2	229.9●	+6.9	1.93
Smlr Inc	37.75	40.15●	+0.97	5.18
Do Acc	40.91	43.51●	+1.05	5.18
Gilt Gth Inc	57.24	59.03●	-0.16	9.71
Do Acc	62.64	64.60●	-0.18	9.71
Gilt Inc Inc	57.55	59.34	+0.13	10.41
Do Acc	62.90	64.85	+0.14	10.41

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealings 0722 411411 Admin 0722 411622

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Dist	270.7	288.0	+7.15	3.59
Do Acc	512.1	544.6	+13.5	3.59
Euro Gth Dist	88.80	94.47●	-2.07	0.79
Do Acc	89.85	95.59●	-2.11	0.79
Fixed Int Dist	112.0	118.4●	-0.78	8.47
Do Acc	171.0	180.8●	-1.21	8.47
Intl Gth Dist	59.36	63.15	+1.27	0.65
Do Acc	60.54	64.40	+1.30	0.65
N Am Dist	126.4	134.4	+3.90	1.24
Do Acc	133.8	142.4	+4.13	1.24
Pac Basin Dist	180.7	192.3	+3.55	0.31
Do Acc	182.4	194.0	+3.59	0.31
Stwd Dist	230.4	245.1	+6.44	2.78
Do Acc	259.0	275.5	+8.12	2.78
Stwd Inc Dist	50.82	54.06●	-0.84	5.16
Do Acc	57.62	61.30●	-0.84	5.16
NAm Stwd Dist	62.29	66.27	+1.93	0.39
Do Acc	65.37	69.54	+2.04	0.39

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 071-283 2575 Dealing 071-626 9431

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Sp Sits	76.90	82.25	+3.05	0.00
UK Cap Inc	141.9	151.8●	+7.4	3.46
Do Acc	228.7	244.6●	+11.9	3.46
Do Spec Sits	47.21	50.50	+1.42	2.14
Inc Fund	102.3	109.6●	+2.0	6.23
Intl	170.2	181.8●	+2.8	1.37
US/Genrl	57.43	61.11	+1.91	0.50
Jap & Genrl	346.7	368.2	+8.6	0.00
Far East/Gen	174.7	186.6	+3.4	1.26
Euro	320.9	341.5●	+5.2	0.39
Germany	87.11	92.26	+1.16	0.00
Intl Inc	52.12	55.62	+1.04	6.04
W'wld Spec Sit	71.17	76.12	+1.62	0.59
Global Prp Inc	45.65	48.72	+1.10	3.39
Do Acc	46.58	49.82	+1.12	3.39
Smlr Cos Div	38.75	41.45	+1.07	5.90

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 071-623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421 Sundeal: 0800 289336

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Growth Trusts				
British Gth	32.57	34.83●	+0.93	2.81
CashTrust**	116.62	●	+0.03	13.29
Pract Inv Inc	86.42	92.68c	+1.89	4.04
Do Acc	172.2	184.7c	+3.74	4.04
UK Smlr Cos	86.82	92.89	+1.57	2.04
Income Trusts				
Extra Inc	62.51	66.86	+1.44	6.89
Preference	20.08	21.48	+0.06	13.45
High Inc	32.12	34.35e	+0.89	5.41
Income	105.1	112.4●	+2.48	3.93
Intl Fxd Int	22.30	23.47c	+0.09	6.77
International Trusts				
Gold Intl	57.40	61.55	+0.92	4.92
Euroventures	19.54	20.73	+0.22	2.70
Frontier Mkts	30.59	32.86	+0.55	0.37
Glob Inc/Gth	62.48	66.06	+1.39	4.06
UK/Intl	82.12	87.83	+2.53	3.40
Overseas Trusts				
American	81.54	86.83	+2.69	1.15
European	63.52	67.39●	+1.23	1.10
Euro Sel Opp	84.66	89.61●	+1.10	0.39
Am Emerg	40.47	43.40	+1.51	0.00
Hong Kong	43.40	45.49●	+0.91	2.41
Japan	153.1	162.8	+1.94	0.00
Pacific Gth	80.87	86.64	+1.93	1.03

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 071-378 7979 Dealing 071-588 0526

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Intl Gth	96.10	102.7	+2.48	1.04
Amer Growth	70.75	75.66	+2.07	0.00
Euro Growth	58.28	62.27s	+0.95	1.10
Ger Horizons	42.59	45.31	+0.67	1.30
Jap Growth	65.39	69.93e	+1.04	..
Pacific Inc	89.13	95.32	+0.36	3.16
Pacific Strat	59.67	63.83●	+2.08	0.00
UK Prog Inc	72.84	77.88	+2.27	6.52
Gt British	46.52	49.76	+1.57	2.82
UK Smlr Co	38.46	41.16a	+2.20	4.92

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
38 Harbour Exchange Square London E14 9GE Tel: 071-538 [illegible]

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Cash	113.6		..	13.87
Gt/Fxd Interest	106.8	112.2●	+0.5	9.53
Gth Equity	263.4	278.7	+7.9	3.56
Guardhill	367.9	391.2●	+11.7	3.52
Inc Tst	109.9	116.2	+3.8	5.16
Intl	118.5	125.3c	+2.9	0.84
Managed	473.5	498.4	+9.7	..
N Amer	159.9	169.2	+4.8	0.85
Pacific	279.3	295.5	+8.1	0.37
Prop Share	235.7	249.4	+4.0	4.04
Smlr Cos	204.2	218.0	+3.3	4.43
Euro Trust	304.2	321.8	+4.6	0.69

HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 660 Edinburgh EH15 1EW Tel: 0800 [illegible]

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Global Adv Inc	27.23	28.89●	+0.36	2.76
Global Adv Acc	27.42	29.07●	+0.36	2.76

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Tel: Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 690590

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Equity	47.56	50.76	+0.57	6.20
Canadian	42.97	45.59	+0.76	1.49
Equity Inc	101.9	108.4	+4.5	7.53
Euro	122.3	129.6	+2.5	0.94
High Inc	71.28	75.83c	+1.61	9.01
Intl Sits	51.35	54.82	+0.89	0.91
Jap & Far East	92.06	98.65	+1.47	0.00
N Am	66.76	70.83	+2.35	1.81
Scandinavian	102.9	109.1	+0.5	0.85
Smlr Cos	28.25	30.06a	+0.23	3.23
UK New Genm	38.06	40.51	+1.06	2.25

HENDERSON
Premier UT Administration Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Tel: 0277 261010

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Recov	108.5	115.7	+3.76	0.84
Am Smlr Cos	47.38	50.95	+1.29	0.00
Asian Entrprse	68.75	73.59	+1.21	1.62
Australian	99.13	105.9c	+2.85	4.60
European	298.0	318.1	+6.86	1.14
Euro Inc	56.54	59.84●	-0.67	3.82
Euro Smlr Cos	105.6	112.3	+1.59	0.82
Extra Inc	239.1	254.9●	+6.11	6.58
Family Of Fds	63.17	66.66	+0.15	1.83
Fixed Interest	47.22	50.39●	+0.04	11.06
Global Inc/Gth	61.88	66.43	+1.43	4.94
Global Resrces	66.38	71.12●	+1.72	2.22
High Inc	267.4	286.0●	+7.25	5.70
Income/Gth Inc	210.8	225.2	+5.93	5.30
Do Acc	483.1	516.1	+13.6	5.30
Inc Assets	148.1	158.7●	+4.31	5.67
Intl	175.8	188.8	+4.00	2.35
Jap Spec Sits	173.0	183.6	+3.87	0.00
Jap	161.5	171.5	+3.28	0.00
Nth Amer	150.5	160.2	+4.54	1.35
Pac Smlr Cos	114.7	122.8	+2.25	0.73
Pref/Gilt	38.73	40.14●	-0.12	13.26
Smlr Cos Div	138.3	146.9●	-5.35	5.89
Spec Sits Inc	198.4	212.5●	-7.39	2.14
Do Acc	294.0	315.0●	+10.9	2.14
Best of British	48.87	52.21	+1.65	3.34
Spirit Of East	38.83	41.59	+0.87	1.40

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon Tel: 081-686 4355

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
British	77.19	82.55	+2.40	3.48
Capital	129.9	138.9●	+3.9	3.04
Dollar	211.8	226.5	+5.4	1.21
Euro	159.9	171.0	+0.7	1.21
Far East	139.3	148.9	+3.5	2.34
Financial	511.1	546.6c	+8.2	3.56
G/F Intrst Inc	22.73	23.61	-0.11	10.32
High Yield	94.91	101.5	+2.49	6.29
Inc Trust	119.6	127.9	+3.4	4.52
Intl	150.0	160.4	+3.1	1.48
Jap Tech	60.48	64.68	+1.67	0.00
Natn Resrces	46.88	50.14	+1.20	2.13
Security	244.5	261.4●	+7.9	3.56
Smlr Cos	80.10	85.66	-1.02	2.97
Spec Sits	123.2	131.7●	+0.8	3.88
US Smlr Cos	33.26	35.57	+0.84	0.00

IBI FUND MANAGERS
36, Queen Street London EC4 1DN Tel: 071-236 4210

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Brit/Oseas	172.5	182.5	+4.6	2.26
Inc Plus	83.50	88.25	..	3.23
Cap Gth	85.10	91.11	..	3.11
Invest Trst	96.2	101.8	..	0.93

KEY FUND MANAGERS
35, Fountain Street Manchester M2 2AF Tel: 061 236 5362

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity/Gen	61.79	65.74	+1.60	4.19
Gt/Fxd Interest	69.12	73.15●	+0.27	8.84
Higher Inc	139.5	148.5	+3.7	7.27
Income	86.31	92.32	+2.29	5.95
Intl	72.77	78.25a	+2.37	2.88
Smlr Cos	61.82	65.54c	+1.81	3.72

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 93.6 (day's range 93.6-93.7).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Mar 6	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.8860-1.8900	1.8880-1.8900	1.00-0.98pr	2.73-2.71pr
Montrl	2.1842-2.1943	2.1903-2.1943	0.60-0.54pr	1.11-1.02pr
Amstrdm	3.2755-3.2873	3.2755-3.2792	1¼-1pr	2⅜-2¾pr
Brussels	59.79-60.19	59.79-60.01	21-18pr	54-47pr
Copnhgn	11.1640-11.2185	11.1640-11.1888	2⅜-2⅛pr	7⅛-6⅝pr
Dublin	1.0910-1.0946	1.0910-1.0920	23-18pr	57-48pr
Frankft	2.9109-2.9170	2.9109-2.9144	1-⅞pr	2⅞-2⅝pr
Lisbon	252.37-254.50	252.37-253.45	12-24ds	79-120ds
Madrid	180.87-181.72	180.97-181.63	17-26ds	59-71ds
Milan	2171.88-2180.85	2171.88-2176.81	2pr-par	3-1pr
Oslo	11.3340-11.4111	11.3340-11.3589	2⅛-1⅝pr	5¼-4⅝pr
Paris	9.9019-9.9365	9.9069-9.9216	3⅛-2⅝pr	7⅝-7¼pr
Stckhlm	10.7787-10.8201	10.7787-10.8014	1-⅝pr	1½-1pr
Tokyo	257.21-257.81	257.28-257.61	1⅛-⅞pr	3-2⅝pr
Vienna	20.4426-20.5301	20.4426-20.4725	7¼-6⅛pr	18⅝-16⅞pr
Zurich	2.5337-2.5429	2.5386-2.5421	1⅛-⅞pr	2⅝-2⅜pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral* 17450.4-17478.5
Australia dollar 2.4499-2.4535
Bahrain dinar .... n/a
Brazil cruzeiro * 425.04-425.65
Cyprus pound 0.823-0.833
Finland markka 6.9725-7.0325
Greece drachma 313.40-316.60
Hong Kong dollar 14.6840-14.6936
India rupee 35.75-36.15
Kuwait dinar KD .... n/a
Malaysia ringgit 5.1518-5.1665
Mexico peso 5575-5675
New Zealand dollar 3.1709-3.1780
Saudi Arabia riyal .... n/a
Singapore dollar 3.2856-3.2893
S Africa rand (fin) 5.9528-6.0514
S Africa rand (com) 4.8678-4.8961
U A E dirham .... n/a

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank.*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland 1.7215-1.7230
Singapore 1.7435-1.7445
Malaysia 2.7338-2.7348
Australia 1.3000-1.3012
Canada 1.1584-1.1594
Sweden 5.7120-5.7170
Norway 6.0200-6.0250
Denmark 5.9200-5.9250
W Germany 1.5465-1.5472
Switzerland 1.3485-1.3495
Netherlands 1.7395-1.7405
France 5.2575-5.2625
Japan 136.50-136.60
Italy 1153.5-1154.5
Belgium (Com) 31.80-31.84
Hong Kong 7.7920-7.7930
Portugal 134.55-134.75
Spain 96.10-96.20
Austria 10.87-10.89

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 13 Finance Hse 14
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 13¼ Low 13 Week fixed: 13¼
Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 12⁹⁄₁₆ ; 3 mth 11⅞ . Sell: 2 mth 12¹⁄₁₆ ; 3 mth: 11¹³⁄₁₆.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	12⅞-12⁹⁄₁₆	12⁷⁄₃₂-12⁵⁄₃₂	11¹⁵⁄₁₆-11⅞	11¾-11⁵⁄₁₆	
Trade Bills (Dis):	13¼	12²⁷⁄₃₂	12⁵⁄₁₆	11⅞	
Interbank:	13⅛-13	12¹³⁄₁₆-²⁵⁄₃₂	12²¹⁄₃₂-12⅝	12⁵⁄₁₆-12¼	11¹³⁄₁₆-11⅝
(Overnight: open 13¾, close 14 .)					
Local Authority Deps:	13⅛	n/a	12⅝	12¼	11¾
Sterling CDs:	13¹⁄₁₆-12¹⁵⁄₁₆	12¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	12⅝-12⁹⁄₁₆	12⅛-12	11⅝-11⁹⁄₁₆
Dollar CDs:	6.80-6.75	6.77-6.72	6.75-6.70	6.75-6.70	7.02-6.97
Building Society CDs:	13⅛-13¹⁄₁₆	12¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	12¾-12¹¹⁄₁₆	12¼-12⅛	11¹³⁄₁₆-11⅝

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6⁷⁄₁₆-6⁵⁄₁₆	6¹³⁄₁₆-6¾	6¾-6⁵⁄₁₆	6¾-6⁵⁄₁₆	6⅝-5⅝
Deutschemark:	9⅛-9	9¹⁄₁₆-8¹⁵⁄₁₆	9¹⁄₁₆-8¹⁵⁄₁₆	9¹⁄₁₆-8¹⁵⁄₁₆	8⅝-7⅞

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Dec 31, 1990 Agreed rates Jan 26, 1991 to Feb 25, 1991 Scheme I: 14.64%. Schemes II & III: 15.09%. Reference rate Dec 1, 1990 to Dec 31, 1990 Scheme IV & V: 13.843%.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 33877	Mar 91	2480.0	2489.0	2453.0	2489.0	9728
	Jun 91	2495.0	2527.0	2494.0	2509.5	2632
	Sep 91				2541.0	0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 145052	Mar 91	87.58	87.68	87.59	87.60	10151
	Jun 91	88.79	88.83	88.71	88.72	17711
	Sep 91	89.29	89.30	89.21	89.22	2957
Three Month Eurodollar Previous open interest: 44467	Mar 91	93.19	93.20	93.13	93.17	1313
	Jun 91	93.22	93.23	93.13	93.16	2706
Three Month Euro DM Previous open interest: 89395	Mar 91	90.91	90.97	90.91	90.95	3511
	Jun 91	91.17	91.19	91.12	91.16	9582
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 4774	Mar 91	95-31	96-00	95-17	95-16	701
	Jun 91	96-05	96-09	94-21	94-25	2379
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 37876	Mar 91	91-27	91-31	91-23	91-20	1088
	Jun 91	92-09	92-15	91-30	92-03	16482
Japanese Govt Bond Previous open interest: 724	Mar 91	95.47	95.80	95.47	95.80	46
	Jun 91	95.90	96.03	95.67	95.94	89
German Govt Bond Previous open interest: 83682	Mar 91	85.72	85.72	85.42	85.54	4296
	Jun 91	85.85	85.97	85.65	85.75	37254
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 2881	Mar 91	90.47	90.47	90.44	90.45	51
	Jun 91	90.70	90.79	90.67	90.67	147

COMMODITIES

LONDON FOX

COCOA		COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow	
Mar	656-651	Mar	544-543	May	206.2-06.0
May	682-681	May	565-564	Aug	204.0-02.0
Jul	709-708	Jul	578-577	Oct	200.0-96.0
Sep	729-728	Sep	598-597	Dec	194.0-90.0
Dec	753-752	Nov	615-613	Mar	192.0-85.0
Mar	775-774	Jan	624-615	May	195.6-85.0
May	792-791	Mar	637-628		
Vol: 17698		Vol: 5880		Vol: 1242	

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
Mar	130.20	Mar	120.25	Apr	118.0-17.5
May	132.75	May	123.50	Jun	116.0-15.5
Jun	134.80	Sep	106.60	Aug	118.0-17.5
Sep	109.75	Nov	110.60	Oct	122.0-21.0
Nov	112.50	Jan	113.55	Dec	127.0-25.0
Vol: 628		Vol: 82		Vol: 305	

LONDON POTATO FUTURES Volume: 536

Apr (£/tonne) .... Open: 132.0 Close: 134.0
May 159.0 166.5

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 6.00pm: Market levels fell, as any bullish sentiment surrounding next Monday's Opec meeting began to evaporate.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical .... 19.80 -0.15
Brent 15 day (Apr) .... 19.30 -0.15
Brent 15 day (May) .... 18.50 -0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Apr) .... 19.95 -0.40
W Texas Intermediate (May) .... 19.65 -0.30

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas 1.5	259 (+8)	264 (+8)
Gasoil EEC	210 (+11)	212 (+11)
Non EEC 1H Mar	218 (+10)	220 (+10)
Non EEC 1H Apr	184 (+1)	188 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	72 (n/c)	74 (n/c)
Naphtha	221 (n/c)	226 (n/c)

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GAS OIL

Mar .... 197.25-97.00 Jul 165.00-64.00
Apr .... 177.50-77.00 Aug 168.00-66.00
May .... 168.00-67.00 Sep .... 166.00 BID
Jun .... 164.00-63.00 Vol: 5515

BRENT

Mar .... 20.65-20.70 May 18.65-18.60
Apr .... 19.35-19.45 Vol: n/a

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD
10 Fenchurch St London EC3 Tel: 071-956 [illegible] Dealings 071-956 7364

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income Trusts				
Cash Accum**	59.42	58.71●	+0.02	13.60
Extra Inc	49.46	52.62●	+1.11	6.84
Gilt Yield Inc	106.2	112.1●	+0.4	9.36
Global Inc	158.1	168.2●	+3.6	4.75
High Yield Inc	117.9	125.4	+3.2	6.15
PPP Inc	9.60	10.11●	+0.31	5.14
Sml Cos Div	38.86	41.34●	+0.84	6.77
Capital Growth Trusts				
Am Smlr Co	61.61	65.70●	+2.03	0.00
N Amer	65.09	68.81	+1.67	1.42
Euro Inc	110.6	117.7	+2.3	0.94
Euro Spec Inc	79.35	84.41	+2.95	1.17
FO Invest Tst	26.59	28.29●	+1.20	2.99
Genrl Inc	239.2	254.5	+11.0	3.74
Intl Recov	108.1	115.0	+3.0	1.77
Jap Inc	320.4	340.9	+5.3	0.00
Jap Spec	168.8	179.5c	-0.9	0.00
Master Acc	192.8	205.1	+4.9	1.08
Pacific Inc	176.6	187.9	+3.5	0.45
Smlr Cos Inc	87.64	93.23	+2.01	3.95
UK Equity Gth	30.63	32.58●	+1.53	3.95

LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
11, Dundas Street, Edinburgh EH3 6EB Tel: 031-556 5151

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
European	52.00	55.32	+0.95	1.44
Extra Inc	21.94	23.29a	+0.61	5.38
Far East	17.38	18.49c	-0.15	0.80
Income/Gth	58.82	62.57●	+2.36	4.16
Intl Gth	37.04	39.40a	+1.30	1.71
Japan	48.42	49.39	+0.69	0.00
Max Dist**	99.04	101.0●	+0.02	13.30
N Am Equity	26.21	27.88	+0.77	0.91
UK Equity	68.05	72.39	+2.29	4.15

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1, White Hart Yard London SE1 Tel: 071-407 5966

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Inc/Growth	45.49	48.40	+1.21	5.90

LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex Tel: Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 [illegible]

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Dist	358.5	381.4●	+11.4	3.86
Do Acc	641.7	682.7●	+20.4	3.86
Do Inc	85.49	90.95	+2.63	5.60
European	80.77	85.93●	+1.50	1.43
Far East	120.1	127.8	+2.5	0.45
Fixed Interest	42.95	45.69●	-0.75	8.62
Gilt	79.88	84.53	+0.41	8.94
Global Gth	49.66	52.83	+1.14	1.06
Intl Bond	40.57	43.12●	+0.20	5.98
Japanese	51.71	55.01	+0.91	0.00
O'seas Equity	76.50	81.38	+1.46	1.56
Natrl Res	67.46	71.77	+1.41	0.82
N Amer	87.49	93.07●	+2.57	1.26
UK Recov	56.86	60.51	+1.56	4.15
UK Spec Sits	83.14	88.45	+1.79	4.02
W'wide	60.84	64.72	+1.40	2.36

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Mountbatten House Chatham ME4 4JF Tel: 0634 834313

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Balanced	267.5	281.6	+8.2	3.69
Do Acc	542.8	571.4	+16.6	3.69
Contl Euro Gth	41.93	44.14	+0.63	1.10
Do Acc	43.18	45.46	+0.65	1.10
Energy Intl	59.56	63.37	+2.28	0.07
Do Acc	70.90	73.49	+2.72	0.07
Extra Inc	217.8	229.3	+6.2	5.26
Do Acc	481.1	506.5	+13.6	5.26
German Gth	87.73	92.38	+1.33	0.45
Do Acc	90.81	95.59	+1.37	0.45
Income	408.4	429.9	+10.0	4.89
Do Acc	952.8	1003.0	+22.7	4.89
Intl Tech	194.0	204.3	-4.7	0.30
Do Acc	206.4	217.3	-4.9	0.30
Jap Growth	86.63	92.17	+2.52	0.07
Do Acc	86.95	92.50	+2.54	0.01
Mastertrust Inc	43.35	45.82	+0.96	1.98
Do Acc	45.28	47.65	+1.01	1.98
N Am & Gen	127.1	133.3	+2.8	1.57
Do Acc	145.3	154.6	+2.9	1.57
NAm SC Rec	79.42	83.61	+2.89	0.59
Do Acc	80.98	85.25	+2.94	0.59
Pacific Basin	149.6	159.2●	+0.7	0.01
Do Acc	158.7	166.8●	+0.7	0.01
Smlr Cos/Rec	227.1	239.1	+4.5	3.13
Do Acc	278.1	293.8	+5.4	3.13
UK Gth Fund	69.13	72.77	+1.93	3.37
Do Acc	76.26	80.26	+2.13	3.37
W'wide Growth	212.3	223.5	+5.1	1.36
Do Acc	307.8	324.0	+7.5	1.36

LONDON & MANCHESTER
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS Tel: 0392 282873

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Genrl	63.74	68.39	+2.09	3.90
Inc Trust	50.84	54.55●	+1.38	6.50
Intl	41.25	44.28	+1.20	1.10
American	39.03	41.88	+1.27	1.50
Japan	40.29	43.23	+0.67	0.00
Trst Of Invst	41.72	44.76	+1.40	2.60

M & G SECURITIES
Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ Tel: 071-626 4588 Dealing : 0245-266266

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am & Gen Inc	256.1	272.9●	+9.1	0.65
Do Acc	316.0	334.1●	+11.1	0.65
Am Recov	253.2	267.8	+7.8	0.74
Do Acc	286.7	303.2	+8.8	0.74
Am Sm Co Acc	65.7	69.5	+2.3	0.00
Australia Acc	96.9	102.5●	+2.0	2.89
Capital Acc	525.3	555.6●	+13.6	4.69
Do Inc	505.9	535.0●	+13.2	4.69
Commod Acc	325.4	344.1●	+12.1	2.86
Compound Gth	626.1	662.1	+17.4	4.38
Dividend Inc	29.7	31.4s	+0.9	5.38
Do Acc	104.8	110.3s	+2.9	5.83
Equity Inc	239.9	254.7●	+7.5	6.82
Euro Div	47.4	50.1	+0.7	5.41
Euro Acc	385.1	407.3	+4.83	1.52
Extra Yield Inc	334.4	353.6c	-10.4	6.35
Do Acc	860.4	908.3	+26.6	6.35
Far East Inc	184.3	194.9●	+6.3	1.03
Do Acc	236.3	249.9	+6.7	1.03
FITS Acc	390.4	412.8	+11.7	2.62
Do Acc	673.6	712.3	+20.2	2.62
Genrl Income	46.6	49.3k	+1.2	4.91
Do Acc	113.2	119.8	+2.9	4.91
Gilt/Fxd Interest	56.5	59.3●	+0.2	9.78
Do Acc	120.4	128.4	+0.4	9.78
Gold Inc	32.5	34.4	+0.4	2.86
Do Acc	37.0	39.2	+0.5	2.89
High Inc Inc	21.4	22.7s	+0.7	6.30
Do Acc	70.8	75.1s	+2.2	6.30
Intl Gth Inc	49.2	52.1s	+1.4	1.19
Do Acc	83.4	88.4s	+2.4	1.19
Intl Inc	85.2	89.1	+1.2	5.86
Jap Acc	42.1	44.6s	+0.7	0.00
Jap Smlr Acc	115.6	122.2	+1.6	0.00
Midland/Gen	45.0	48.1s	+1.1	5.60
Do Acc	129.9	138.9s	+3.2	5.60
Recov Inc	28.1	30.3s	+0.5	5.04
Do Acc	42.8	45.3s	+1.1	5.04
2nd Gen Inc	48.3	51.7	+1.5	4.78
Do Acc	109.3	117.0	+3.5	4.78
Sml Co Acc	84.6	89.5a	+1.5	4.68
Sml Co Inc	47.8	50.6s	+0.8	4.68
Trustee Inc	30.9	32.7s	+0.9	5.14
Charibd Inc 3	100.07		..	10.78
Charifd Inc 2	552.7	589.3	+16.5	6.74
Pension Ex 1	746.6	785.3	+18.6	5.26
NAACIF Inc 3	41.84		+0.50	8.62
Do Acc 3	500.03		+8.47	8.62

MIM BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
11 Devonshire Square London EC2M 4YR Tel: 071-626 3434 Dealing only: 0800 010733 (Intermediary)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Specialist Trusts				
Great Brit Cos	38.31	41.15a	+1.05	2.80
Smlr Cos	19.86	21.10s	+0.41	4.01
Spec Features	23.52	24.99s	+0.52	2.52
Do Acc	26.25	27.89s	+0.57	2.52
General Funds				
UK Growth	45.47	48.15	+1.32	3.50
Asset/Earn Di	58.40	63.11c	+1.78	3.46
Do Acc	65.90	70.01●	+1.97	3.12
Managed Inv	66.70	71.47●	+1.46	0.95
Rupert Child	63.61	68.02	+1.77	3.03
High Income Funds				
Cash Box	80.42	●	+0.01	13.10
Extra Inc	75.62	81.60●	+1.80	6.58
Gilt	24.50	25.89	+0.06	9.02
Inc/Gth	34.33	36.61a	+1.01	4.24
Pref Shares	14.14	15.02●	+0.15	13.00
UK Income	262.2	282.2a	+7.8	4.70
Sector Specialist Funds				
Com Shares	31.76	33.74p	+0.49	0.66
Financial Secs	42.72	45.30	+1.12	3.19
Gold	32.74	35.11	+0.48	0.96
Do Acc	34.53	37.03	+0.48	0.91
Intl Leisure	18.16	19.29	+0.47	0.82
Prop Shares	53.84	58.59●	+1.52	2.04
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	123.9	130.6	+3.6	4.77
Euro Expt Acc	86.79	92.62	+0.93	1.06
Euro Expt Inc	84.88	90.58	+0.90	1.10
Overseas Growth Fund				
Amer Growth	32.23	35.35s	+0.44	1.59
Euro Perf	87.26	93.11	+0.66	0.83
Do Acc	88.38	94.29	+0.67	0.82
Euro Smlr Cos	18.09	19.28	+0.09	0.85
French Gth	48.14	51.23●	+1.02	1.22
Do Acc	50.07	53.29●	+1.06	1.17
HK/China	29.41	31.40	+0.59	2.40
Intl Gth	37.53	39.87	+0.96	1.96
Jap Perf Dis	31.26	33.16s	+0.61	0.00
Jap Perf Acc	31.26	33.16s	+0.61	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	28.16	29.89	+0.55	0.00
Sing/ASEAN	51.67	54.99	+1.30	0.88
Do Acc	51.72	54.95	+1.28	0.88
SE Asia	131.3	139.5●	+3.0	1.04
US Sml Co	66.13	70.39	+1.50	0.19
Do Acc	66.65	71.00	+1.52	0.19
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	60.64	64.74	+1.14	3.60
Int Bond	41.72	43.82●	+0.22	7.95
MIL Trusts				
Nelstar Gilt	66.65	68.31	+0.15	9.79

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 410 Chester X CH99 9QG Tel: 0244 [illegible]

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UP Inc	110.1	117.7	+2.7	3.98
Do Acc	116.5	124.6	+2.9	3.98
UK Inc	101.1	108.1	+3.0	4.38
Do Acc	105.8	113.1	+3.2	4.38

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUST LTD
45, Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7HF Tel: 031-226 4272

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Far East	92.66	98.35	+2.66	0.43
Inc Gth	61.00	64.75●	+1.48	5.05
European	54.91	58.29●	-0.61	1.22
N Amer	34.24	36.34	+0.97	1.44
UK Growth	54.86	58.25	+2.64	2.48
Intl Gth	59.80	63.48s	+1.54	1.14
Charities	91.80	97.23●	+1.50	5.78
High Yield	46.31	49.16	+0.67	7.00
Intl Inc	46.19	49.03●	-0.62	8.09
Jap	37.62	39.93●	+0.61	0.00

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33, King William St, EC4R 9AS Tel: 071-280 2860

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Growth	128.0	136.6	+3.5	0.65
Do Acc	136.5	145.6	+3.9	0.65
Am Income	34.28	36.42c	+0.61	7.70
Do Acc	45.66	49.55c	+0.81	7.70
Cash Inc	102.4		..	13.20
Do Acc	110.6		+0.1	13.20
Euro Growth	157.5	167.8	+2.6	0.88
Do Acc	167.3	178.1	+2.6	0.88
General	372.1	397.0●	+10.0	2.55
Do Acc	675.9	721.0●	+18.1	2.55
Gilt/Fixed	64.26	66.69	+0.24	8.59
Do Acc	130.2	138.9	+0.4	8.59
Global Dist	96.07	103.0	+0.37	6.79
Do Acc	96.07	103.0	+0.37	6.79
Income	116.4	124.2●	+2.3	4.60
Do Acc	155.6	166.2●	+3.1	4.60
Intl	273.2	292.4	+7.1	1.96
Do Acc	359.8	381.3	+9.2	1.96
Japan	163.9	174.1	+3.7	0.00
Do Acc	168.2	178.8	+3.9	0.00
Recov	256.6	273.8	+7.9	2.60
Do Acc	302.8	323.0	+9.3	2.60
Euro Inc	64.30	68.39	+0.45	4.39
Do Acc	76.09	80.94	+0.53	4.39
Am Smlr Dist	48.60	51.86	+1.22	0.00
Do Acc	49.26	52.57	+1.24	0.00
Br Blue Chip Di	80.27	84.29	+1.88	3.25
Do Acc	66.33	70.75	+1.84	3.25
Portf Dist	58.06	62.87c	+1.36	4.22
Do Acc	62.49	66.53c	+1.44	4.22
High Inc Dist	50.71	54.10●	+1.08	6.49
Do Acc	60.58	64.42●	+1.19	6.49
High Int Dist	43.14	45.43	+0.05	10.80
Do Acc	56.68	60.00	+0.07	10.80
Pacific Dist	45.56	48.59	+1.12	1.74
Do Acc	47.06	50.22	+1.15	1.74
UK Smlr Dist	40.04	42.71●	-0.68	3.03
Do Acc	42.97	45.84●	-0.72	3.03
Am Sm Cos Eq	46.72	47.92	+2.00	0.00
Do Acc	47.08	48.30	+2.01	0.00

MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Dawson House 182, Eyre St Sheffield S1 3RD Tel: 0742 [illegible]

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
British Dist	65.38	69.62●	+1.95	3.32
Do Acc	70.16	75.07●	+2.10	3.32
Capital Income	92.09	98.46	+3.47	3.24
Do Acc	137.1	146.6	+5.2	3.24
Euro Gth Inc	135.1	143.8	+3.2	1.13
Do Acc	167.4	178.3	+4.0	1.13
Extra High Inc	66.03	70.62	+1.47	7.34
Do Acc	99.48	106.4	+2.13	7.34
Gt/Fxd Income	50.22	52.45●	+0.10	8.75
Do Acc	115.5	120.6●	+0.2	8.76
High Yield	203.8	218.0	+5.2	5.91
Do Acc	424.5	454.0	+11.0	5.91
Income	250.9	268.3●	+7.2	4.38
Do Acc	481.6	515.1●	+13.7	4.38
Intl High St Dis	57.62	61.56	+1.59	1.93
Do Acc	60.10	64.28	+1.65	1.93
Jap Growth	275.0	294.4●	+5.3	0.00
Do Acc	289.7	310.1●	+5.6	0.00
Mandarin Acc	57.68	61.68	+1.52	1.28
N Amer Inc	115.3	123.3	+3.5	1.72
Do Acc	143.1	153.0	+4.3	1.72
Managed Portf	67.87	72.55●	+1.98	1.81
Meridian Gth	115.4	123.4	+3.5	2.48
Meridn Inc Dist	99.12	106.0c	+2.62	4.29
Smlr Cos Inc	112.8	120.8	+3.0	3.39
Do Acc	128.1	138.1	+3.5	3.39

MORGAN GRENFELL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
20,Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Tel: 071-826 0826 Enquiries: 071-826 0123

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Gth	122.5	131.1	+4.1	1.20
Cash Inc	100.84		c+0.03	13.42
Do Acc	105.89		a+0.03	13.42
Euro Gth	193.8	207.1	+2.3	0.00
Europa	100.2	107.2	+0.6	0.00
Intl Gth	135.4	144.0	+3.8	0.00
Jap Trckr	59.67	63.29	+0.41	0.00
UK Equity Inc	121.4	131.0	+3.9	3.88
UK Eq In Acc	133.8	144.4	+4.3	3.88
UK Eq In Trckr	118.1	128.2●	+4.0	4.04
US Eq In Trckr	128.4	138.6●	+3.8	3.33
Do Acc	130.4	139.9●	+3.9	3.33
Asian Trader	76.45	81.68	+1.76	1.65

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
7 West Nile Street Glasgow G2 2PX Tel: 0345 090533

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Inc	112.0	118.7●	+2.8	3.48
European	52.66	56.11s	+0.65	1.68
Far East	100.9	107.7	+2.6	1.66
Olympiad	42.62	45.62●	+0.94	1.19
Olympiad Inc	40.80	43.49●	+1.16	4.87
Smlr Cos	44.01	46.97s	+1.44	3.85
UK Equity Inc	81.63	87.34●	+1.85	5.86
UK Growth	69.47	74.16	+1.55	1.96

N M UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
The Ellson Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth Tel: Enquiries 0705 372222 Dealings 0705 387730

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Acc	32.14	34.28	+0.96	1.59
Australia Acc	173.2	185.8●	+6.3	3.39
Conscience Inc	51.28	54.70	+1.83	1.43
Do Acc	53.75	57.36	+1.71	1.43
Euro Inc	141.2	150.8	+2.5	1.03
Do Acc	149.0	158.9	+2.6	1.03
Extra Inc	65.18	69.56●	+1.20	6.78
Extra Inc Acc	88.21	94.14●	+1.73	6.78
F East Gth Acc	107.4	114.6	+1.5	0.27
Gt/Fxd Income	51.10	54.09●	+0.26	9.20
Gold Inc	28.42	30.55	+0.09	0.00
Do Acc	30.6	32.9	+0.1	0.00
Inc	48.73	51.97s	+1.43	7.14
Do Acc	132.7	141.6s	+3.9	7.14
Intl Inc	23.62	25.34	+0.67	0.43
Do Acc	33.45	35.88	+0.79	0.43
Jap Sm Co Acc	317.4	338.5	+2.4	0.00
Sing Mal Acc	110.1	118.0	+2.8	0.00
Sm Co Inc Acc	27.91	30.01s	+0.80	1.63
Spec Sits Inc	25.43	27.34s	+0.99	0.95
Do Acc	27.94	30.04s	+1.09	0.95
Tokyo Inc	66.57	71.00s	+1.17	0.00
Do Acc	67.24	71.72s	+1.17	0.00
US Sm Co Acc	51.54	55.12	+1.88	0.00
UK Equity Inc	134.5	143.4	+4.4	4.26
Do Acc	235.6	251.3	+7.8	4.26

NEWTON FUND MANAGERS
(Formerly wellington unit trusts) 2 London Bridge London SE1 9RA Tel: 071-407 4404

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
General	114.0	121.2	+1.74	3.20
Global	217.3	231.1	+1.54	3.70
Inc Fund	149.4	159.0	+0.46	6.70

PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD
PO Box 500 Thorpewood Peterborough PE3 6QD Tel: Dealings 0800-626677 Inquiry 0733-67767

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gth Trust Inc	115.8	121.3	+3.2	3.71
Do Acc	189.4	198.3	+5.2	3.71
Inc Trust	184.3	196.0	+6.2	4.75
Intl Equity Inc	167.7	178.4	+4.0	2.07
Do Acc	179.3	190.6	+4.3	2.07
Equity Inc	184.1	195.7	+6.2	3.48
Do Acc	356.5	378.2	+10.0	3.48
UK Int 25 Acc	53.19	56.56	+1.42	2.97
UK Inc Tst	50.77	54.01	+1.43	4.80
UK Sml Co Acc	48.62	51.61	+0.84	2.31
New Euro Acc	51.25	54.51●	+0.72	1.17

PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST
48, Hart Street, Henley On Thames Tel: 0491 576868

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Asian Smlr Mkt	42.33	45.28	+1.04	2.11
PEP Gth/Inc	64.54	69.03	+1.88	5.66
Intl Gth	334.8	358.1	+8.48	1.28
Income	244.7	261.7	+6.07	5.67
W'wide Rec	199.3	213.1●	+5.47	1.29
Am Growth	105.9	113.3●	+3.61	1.33
Intl Emerg Cos	98.48	105.3	+4.94	4.20
Far East Growth	110.8	118.6	-0.07	2.55
Euro Gth	86.14	92.13	+2.07	1.95
UK Growth	54.37	58.15●	+1.84	3.49
High Inc	60.57	64.79	+1.53	6.70
Jap Gth	144.1	153.5●	+2.47	0.01

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
23, Walbrook House London EC4N 8LD Tel: 0800 282443

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Intl	143.5	152.7	+3.6	1.61
High Inc	64.60	69.88	+0.47	5.58
Conv/Gilt	100.2	106.6	+1.5	8.92
Far East	218.6	233.3c	+6.4	1.06
Nth Amer	138.6	147.6	+4.4	0.51
Spec Sits	90.75	96.76	+1.83	4.29
Technology	138.8	147.7	+4.7	0.00
Extra Inc	128.6	136.8c	+3.1	6.13
Euro Gth/Inc	52.12	55.67●	+1.88	2.41

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1, Seaxbone House Square, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX Tel: 0622 674751

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer	33.25	35.37	+1.04	0.76
Emerg Mkts	30.58	32.53	+0.83	0.61
Genrl	42.89	45.56	+1.35	3.79
Intl	67.05	71.33	+1.73	1.86
Gilt Unit	23.69	24.63●	+0.13	8.69
Global Pep	28.90	30.74	+0.80	2.45
Inc/Gth	61.24	65.25●	+2.10	5.52
Euro	39.81	42.35●	+0.83	0.37
Gilt and Fxd Int	22.46	23.89●	-0.30	8.26
UK Smlr Cos	18.98	20.19●	+0.39	3.15
Cash	25.0		..	13.00

PRUDENTIAL HOLBORN UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51-59, Wood Hill, Ilford Essex, IG1 2DL Tel: 081-478 3377 LinkLine 0800 010045

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Holb	22.02	23.55●	-0.30	1.61
Holb Cash Hwn	100.69	●	+0.03	14.30
Holb Equity	584.7	609.9	+9.71	3.07
Holb Eqty Inc	68.02	72.74●	+1.29	5.17
Holb Euro	136.3	145.8	+2.45	1.39
Holb Global	61.48	65.75●	+0.92	2.66
Holb High Inc	77.05	82.40c	+0.79	6.30
Holb Intl	116.1	124.2●	+2.84	1.01
Holb Intl SC	48.60	51.97	+1.13	0.80
Holb Japanese	140.5	150.8●	+2.44	0.00
Holb N Amer	85.53	91.47	+2.32	0.43
Holb Pac Mkt	43.28	46.28●	+1.21	3.30
Holb Premier	42.33	44.86s	+0.24	7.70
Holb Smlr Cos	64.17	68.63	+0.92	3.26
Holb Spec Sits	81.23	86.87	+1.12	3.98
Holb UK Gth	92.31	98.73●	+1.17	3.70

N M ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LIMITED
St Swithins Lane, London EC4N 8NR Tel: 071-634 2901/4

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	130.7	141.1	+3.35	4.17
Japan	177.1	190.2	+3.73	0.00
Major UK Co	77.47	83.41	+2.21	3.12
Smlr Aus	46.34	49.81●	+0.71	4.33
Amer Inc	312.8	335.0●	+9.24	1.31
Do Acc	398.2	364.9	+10.5	1.31
Smlr Cos	176.3	193.7●	+3.27	3.73
Smlr Canada	36.77	39.80	+0.74	0.15
Smlr Euro Cos	200.1	213.9	+2.8	1.88

SAVE & PROSPER
28, Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB Tel: (Romford) 0708-766966

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Inc/Growth	47.60	50.53	+1.62	7.82
Capital	110.6	117.8	+2.8	1.29
Commod	73.91	78.62●	+2.14	3.44
Euro Growth	122.7	130.5	+2.6	0.04
Financial Secs	116.3	123.7	+3.5	3.39
High Return	239.8	255.1	+8.1	6.76
High Yield	215.8	229.6	+8.7	8.02
Inc Units	108.8	115.6●	+3.4	8.00
Investment	133.4	141.9	+6.7	3.04
Jap Growth	103.4	109.8	+1.9	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	169.8	180.4	+1.5	0.00
Masterfund	36.87	39.22	+0.82	3.07
Scotbits	163.5	173.9	+4.5	3.31
Scotshares	222.8	237.0	+6.7	3.42
Scotyields	218.2	230.0●	+6.8	6.16
Select Intl	93.67	99.64	+2.31	0.16
Smlr Cos Inc	202.7	215.6	+4.6	7.40
Spec Sits	95.40	101.5	+1.98	1.07
UK Equity	221.5	235.6●	+6.6	4.20
US Growth	90.13	95.86●	+3.14	0.82

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LIMITED
33 Gutter Lane, London, EC2V 6AF Tel: Public Dealing 071 606 5454 General Enquiries 071-382 3600

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	152.2	162.5	..	1.73
Do Acc	162.3	173.1	..	1.73
Australian	85.51	90.74●	..	1.91
Do Acc	109.9	116.1●	..	1.91
Enterprise	159.0	169.8	..	3.62
Do Acc	159.0	169.8	..	3.82
Euro Gth	50.72	54.10	..	0.91
Do Acc	51.27	54.68	..	0.91
Euro Smlr Co	47.86	51.05	..	0.87
Do Acc	48.02	51.22	..	0.87
Far East Gth	44.02	46.95●	..	0.00
Do Acc	44.48	47.44●	..	0.00
Fixed Int	46.20	48.09●	..	9.90
Do Acc	60.55	63.25●	..	9.90
Gilt Inc	90.47	95.32●	..	9.78
Do Acc	111.4	117.3●	..	9.78
Income	246.6	263.0●	..	6.19
Do Acc	666.3	710.7●	..	6.19
Jap Smlr Cos	357.5	381.1	..	0.00
Do Acc	358.1	381.9	..	0.00
Pacific Gth	47.20	50.34●	..	2.09
Do Acc	48.17	51.39●	..	2.09
Smlr Cos	138.4	147.6	..	3.34
Do Acc	154.1	164.3	..	3.34
Tokyo	75.14	80.14●	..	0.00
Do Acc	75.90	80.95●	..	0.00
UK Equity	162.6	173.4	..	4.62
Do Acc	282.3	301.1	..	4.62
US Smlr Cos	47.12	50.26	..	0.00
Do Acc	47.12	50.26	..	0.00
World Inc	53.19	56.73●	..	2.50
Do Acc	52.30	55.78●	..	2.50

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
150, St Vincent Street, Glasgow, G2 5NQ Tel: 041 204 2800

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Inc	39.74	42.32●	+1.47	5.21
Equity Strat	56.16	59.81●	+2.06	4.05
Euro Opp	60.54	64.48●	-1.20	0.96
Maximum Inc	87.92	100.4●	-0.04	12.62
UK Smlr Cos	41.90	44.62●	+1.36	3.71

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh Tel: 031 225 2211

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Equity	277.9	297.2	+10.5	3.63
American	161.6	172.3	+6.3	1.56
Pacific	219.9	235.2	+4.6	0.82
European	332.2	355.3	+7.3	1.43
W'wide	60.68	64.90	+1.71	1.81

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS
109, Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN Tel: 041-248 6100

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Equity	246.5	262.3	+8.4	4.44
UK Sm Cos Eq	180.2	191.6	+3.2	3.73
European	252.5	268.7	+4.6	2.11
N Amer	163.3	173.6	+6.7	1.41
Inc Plus	58.91	62.65●	+1.58	6.16
UK Spec Sit	52.69	56.20●	+0.80	3.16

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
6 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA Tel: 031-556 2341/2/3

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Gth Acc	20.73	22.19s	+0.69	4.36
Intl Gth Acc	21.90	23.60s	+0.41	1.98
Global Inc Acc	21.83	23.26s	+0.16	5.67
Mkt Leadr Acc	21.75	23.28s	+0.60	4.36

STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3, George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ Tel: 0800 393 777

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Managed Acc	33.13	35.20●	+0.45	2.53
Equity Gth Acc	43.38	46.09●	-0.71	2.30
Equity Genrl	35.09	37.28	+0.47	3.21
Do Acc	45.70	48.43	-0.58	3.21
Euro Acc	33.56	36.09●	-0.31	1.88
Far East Acc	39.12	41.56●	-0.05	0.13
G/F Intrst Inc	26.34	27.85	-0.09	7.74
Nth Amer Acc	30.54	32.45●	+0.61	0.82
O'seas Lgt Acc	199.4	216.3	+1.6	2.02
UK Eqty Hi Inc	35.05	37.25	+0.49	4.88
Do Acc	37.79	40.15	+0.64	4.88
UK Lgr Inc	239.4	256.4	+3.6	4.62
Do Acc	282.0	306.0	+4.2	4.62

STEWART, IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
45, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh Tel: 031-226 3271

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Inc	268.4	284.1	+5.1	1.54
British Inc	750.2	795.7●	+20.8	5.97
Euro Inc	324.3	343.7	+0.4	1.57
Jap Inc	105.5	112.3●	+1.7	0.00
Pacific	145.5	155.6s	+2.5	2.36
Mngd Cash	97.11	101.9	+0.02	13.39
Major Ster Inc	101.4	102.4	-0.11	12.63
PEP	126.6	132.8●	+3.7	0.00
Saints PPP	249.2	262.3	..	0.00

SUN ALLIANCE
Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex Tel: 0403 56293

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Acc	593.8	624.4	+16.6	3.24
NAm Acc	70.28	75.17	+2.15	1.28
Far East Acc	86.13	92.12	+2.05	1.00
W'wide Bond	43.79	46.69	+0.20	7.02
European	65.88	70.46	+1.11	2.17
Equity Inc	70.85	75.78	+3.21	4.75
W'wide Tech	40.63	43.45	+1.07	2.34
W'wide Finl	34.07	36.44	+0.53	4.75

SUN LIFE OF CANADA
Basingstoke Basingstoke Hants RG21 2DZ Tel: Dealing [illegible] 841414

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
[illegible]	22.63	24.21	+0.76	0.75
Amer Gwth	102.4	109.6	+3.48	0.73
Mngd Assts	34.73	37.15	+1.17	7.48
UK Income	33.14	35.43	+1.10	2.80
Do Gth	22.84	24.45	+0.50	1.07
W'wide				

TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE Tel: 0264 56789 Dealings: 0264 63432/3/4

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Inc	124.8	132.7	+4.11	0.49
Do Acc	130.4	140.1	+4.80	0.49
Br Gth Inc	73.69	78.38	+2.09	3.51
Do Acc	81.46	86.65	+2.26	3.51
Euro Inc	73.60	78.38●	+1.37	1.06
Do Acc	76.34	81.21●	+1.42	1.06
Extra Inc Inc	161.7	172.0●	+4.69	8.15
Do Acc	233.3	248.1●	+6.76	8.15
Genrl Unit Inc	277.7	295.3●	+7.13	3.60
Do Acc	417.5	444.1●	+13.3	3.06
Inc Trust	306.8	326.4	-9.97	6.06
Do Acc	570.4	606.8	+18.8	6.06
Intl	379.5	403.6	+13.7	0.81
Do Acc	486.9	517.8	+17.8	0.81
Pacific	216.0	229.8	+4.66	0.37
Do Acc	224.7	239.1	+5.08	0.37
Premier Inc	44.22	46.05	+0.25	8.00
Do Acc	79.13	82.42	+0.42	8.00
Natrl Resrces	60.10	63.93	+1.70	1.15
Do Acc	66.20	62.38	+1.86	1.15
Selected Opps	81.01	86.18c	+3.19	3.25
Do Accum	96.69	102.8s	+3.88	3.25

TARGET TRUST MANAGERS
Target House, Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury Bucks Tel: (0296) 312100

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Eagle	72.61	77.40	+2.98	1.10
Australian	5.47	5.85●	+0.14	4.85
Equity	161.4	173.0	+2.8	4.63
Euro Spec Sits	109.6	117.0	-1.5	0.58
Financial	29.10	31.28a	+0.73	4.77
Global Inc	64.07	68.63	+1.54	1.85
Do Acc	66.40	70.33	+1.88	1.85
Gold/Genrl	36.15	38.87	+0.81	1.41
Do Acc	67.56	72.67	+1.70	1.41
Income	101.9	109.5●	+1.7	8.80
Jap Gen	126.9	130.4	+1.6	0.00
Pref Share	18.92	20.39	-0.17	13.01
UK Capital	80.19	87.65●	+1.79	3.77
World Cap	166.5	177.9	+2.9	3.07
World Inc	63.77	68.56	+1.53	6.13

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
33 Cavendish Square London W1M 7HF Tel: 071-493 7262 Dealing: 071-493 [illegible]

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Opp Dist	48.75	52.02●	+2.07	0.21
Do Acc	50.31	53.68●	+2.08	0.21
Cash Dist	50.96		+0.02	13.51
Do Acc	52.73		+0.02	13.51
Euro Opp Dist	59.76	63.84	+0.64	0.00
Do Acc	59.43	63.29	+0.64	0.00
F East Opp Di	112.1	119.6c	+2.34	0.58
Do Acc	112.8	120.4c	+2.38	0.58
Gold Opp Inc	24.97	26.48	+0.46	0.00
Do Acc	25.66	27.24	+0.46	0.00
Sanyo Jap Dist	59.43	63.28	+0.48	0.00
Do Acc	59.43	63.28	+0.49	0.00
Kangaroo Dist	22.08	23.13	..	1.78
Do Acc	23.19	24.50	..	1.70
Lil Dragon Dist	37.89	40.41	+0.35	0.82
Do Acc	37.89	40.41	+0.35	0.82
Orient Inc Dist	31.70	33.17s	+0.51	5.27
Do Acc	38.41	39.82s	+0.60	5.27
Tiger Dist	127.4	135.9	+2.81	0.85
Do Acc	129.8	138.5	+2.85	0.85
UK Hi Yld Dist	41.27	44.02	+1.08	8.19
Do Acc	49.26	52.53	+1.29	8.19
UK Smlr Cos	44.25	47.31●	-0.78	1.28
Do Acc	49.28	52.69●	+0.87	1.28

TOUCHE REMNANT
Mermaid House, 2, Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT Tel: 071-248 1250

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Growth	45.74	48.79●	+1.36	0.00
Eur Spec Sit	35.46	37.80	-0.41	0.00
Do Acc	36.40	38.81	-0.42	0.00
F-East Opp Inc	19.17	20.42	+0.47	..
Do Acc	19.41	20.69	+0.47	0.00
Genrl Growth	79.22	84.76	+1.86	3.06
Global Tech	78.89	84.37	+3.11	0.00
Inc Growth	88.61	94.16	+1.88	5.14
Inc Monthly	51.87	54.96●	+0.91	8.82
Jap Growth	69.03	73.30	+1.19	0.00
Man Equity Inc	33.07	35.36	+0.45	2.81
Do Acc	36.27	38.77	+0.49	2.81
O'seas Gth	59.06	63.00	+1.14	0.00
Smlr Cos	63.11	67.00	+0.97	4.89
Spec Opp	68.59	72.93●	-1.61	4.83
WW Spec Sits	29.44	31.77	+0.83	0.00
Do Accum	29.47	31.80	+0.85	0.00

UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUST
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 081-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Utd Charities	198.8	212.0	+5.1	5.56

WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
3 Harbour Exchange London E14 9GJ Tel: 071-895 5055

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer	66.82	71.46	+2.00	1.50
Pacific Perf	110.3	117.9	+2.3	0.50
Intl Gth	71.49	76.45	+2.29	1.80
Inc Tst	129.6	138.6	+4.1	6.80
Jap Gth	193.0	206.4	+4.8	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	27.59	29.50●	+0.48	0.10
Australia	45.36	48.50	+1.48	4.50
UK Growth	152.0	162.5	+3.8	5.30
Euro Gth	64.38	68.83	+1.28	2.00
Hong Kong	37.75	40.37●	+0.70	3.30
Intl	19.10	20.42	+0.38	8.80
Sing Malay	36.30	38.82	+1.05	0.10

WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
13 Charlotte Square Edinburgh Scotland EH2 4DJ Tel: 031-225 1551

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Aus Gold	7.72	8.21●	+0.13	0.00
Pacific Basin	26.17	28.77	+0.56	0.00
Canadian Gth	33.04	35.14	+0.63	0.10
Global Bond	490.26	103.3s	-0.13	7.82
Penny Share	21.39	22.75	+0.49	0.00

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey La EC2 8BT Tel: 071-606 3132

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
City Res	52.76		-0.01	13.20
Gilt Gth	52.09	52.80	-0.29	2.66
Gilt Inc	47.82	49.80	+0.13	11.04
Shrt Dtd Gilt	90.66	92.19	+0.07	4.64
US Govt Bond	463.47	64.29	-0.02	0.00
Challenger	65.12	68.66	+0.54	0.00

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Oak Square Swanley BR8 7AG Tel: 0795 388049

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Stockmrkt Fnd	48.88	52.07	.	4.00

** Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return) ● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
74	21	ASB Barrett	20	25	–	–	–	
113	38	ASD	75	80	+35			5.3
81	15	ATA Selection	13	17	–	3.3b	22.0	3.6
29½	12	Aberdeen Pet	13	15	–	–	–	28.0
68	24	Aberdeen Stk Hse	25	30	–			52.8
215	163	Acal	175	180	–	6.6	3.7	9.8
29	9	Acorn Comp	14	17	–	–	–	4.3
137	75	Airsprung	132	140	-1	7.6	5.7	10.5
163	102	Alan Paul	135	138	-3	4.1	3.0	13.7
363	28	Albrighton	38	43	–	–	–	2.2
116	78	Allen	104	108	–	6.4	6.6	7.8
141	109	Allied Ins	119	124 r	–	6.0	5.0	12.1
126	88	Ald Leisure	97	101●	+5	5.7	5.8	7.1
43	18	Amberley Gp	20	25	–	2.0	8.7	6.7
208	120	Amer Bus Sys	140	145	+5	3.5	2.4	6.9
40	13	Anglo Pac Res	13	18	–	–	–	24.2
18½	8	Apollo Watch Prods	12½	14	–	0.7●	5.2	7.5
380	135	App Holographics	170	180	+3	–	–	–
285	80	Ashtead	137	147●	+2	5.1	3.6	5.0
422	85	Aspen Comms	145	153	–	10.8b	7.2	4.7
430	285	Asprey	315	330	+8	5.8	1.8	17.2
18	3	Assoc Energy	3½	4½	–	–	–	–
95	45	Assoc Farmers	43	48	–	–	–	–
207	123	Assoc Nursing	127	132●	–	4.0	3.1	15.0
205	13	Atlantic Sec	11	16	–	–	–	25.5
690	470	Atlas Equipment	675	685	+5	22.0	3.2	17.3
42	3½	Audit General	4	5½	+½	0.4	8.0	–
90	60	Automagic	48	53	–	8.7	17.1	13.7
48	14	BBB Design	20	23	–	2.8e	12.7	4.0
18½	7½	BCE	8½	9½	–	–	–	–
59	21	BLP Group	20	25	–	0.4	1.7	7.4
99	37	BWD	44	47	–	2.3	5.0	16.3
188	25	Beaverco	38	48	–	–	–	–
92	38	Beckenham	40	45●	–	4.0●	9.3	5.4
65	20	Berford (William)	25	30	–	–	–	8.3
122	82	Benmore Crisps	108	112	–	3.7●	3.4	8.8
70	50	Berry Birch & Noble	60	70	–	–	–	18.5
258	85	Better Cons Prods	164	169	+1	8.7	5.2	20.4
102	85	Bilston&Battersea	80	90	–	6.3	7.4	9.7
48	15	Bio Isolates	25	30	–	–	–	30.9
29	7	Bioplan	15	17	–	–	–	–
110	55	Bletchley Motors	75	85	+7	10.5	13.1	5.4
156	28	Bluebird Toys	43	48	-2	9.0	19.8	2.8
49	23	Border TV	35	37●	–	2.8	7.8	14.2
29	[illegible]	Borland	28½	29	+1½			
155	118	Bossmore Intl	140	144	–	7.8	5.5	9.1
155	40	Br Bloodstock	45	50	+3	–	–	6.2
39½	0½	Broad St	1	1½	–	–	–	0.5
104	56	Brompton Hldgs	58	63	–	4.0	6.8	12.7
7	2½	Bula Resources	3	3½	–			65.0
227	54	Business Tech	80	87	–	5.3	6.3	5.1
34	5	CCS Gp	11	13	+½	0.7	5.8	8.3
183	131	CML Micro	158	163	+1	3.1	1.9	10.5
40	5	CPU Comp	17	18	–	0.8	4.8	10.6
130	106	Cap & Regional	120	130	+5	1.2	1.0	4.3
182	146	Capitol Gp	175	185	+5	6.0	3.3	13.3
93	74	Carrow Phoenix	87	92	–	1.8	2.0	75.0
51	33	Cassidy Bros	43	48	–	1.0	2.2	
468	188	Castle Comm	225	240	+5	11.3	4.8	8.7
121	85	Central Motor	88	91●	–	4.7	5.2	8.7
74	74	Chartwell	70	77	–	0.3	0.4	5.8
170	30	Chelsea Man	43	48	+8	4.6	10.0	
132	85	Chiltern Group	100	110	+7	6.1	5.8	13.5
37	6	Circaprint	5	8	–			
2½	0½	City & West	0½	1	–	–	–	–
88	32	City of Lon	53	58	–	3.9	7.0	7.2
148	41	Clares Hooper	52	55●	+4	5.9	10.9	3.2
12	1½	Clearmark	1½	2½	–			1.5
111	31	Cliff Resources	51	53	–	1.3	2.5	21.4
230	80	Colorgraphic	82	92	–	9.2	10.6	5.3
183	110	Colourvision	135	145●	–	7.5	5.4	12.4
71	7	Co of Designers	9	12	+1	0.3	2.7	–
41	14	Comac	12	15	–	–	–	–
135	67	Conroy Pet	90	93	+2			
61	15	Cook (DC)	30	33	+2	1.0●	3.1	6.0
103	33	Cooper Clarke	33	38●	–	2.0	5.6	4.0
75	35	Copymore	32	37	–	3.3	9.4	54.7
5½	1½	Corp Services	2½	2¾	+½			
135	88	Crampthorn	112	117	+7	2.8	2.3	18.5
47	8	Cranbrook	8	13	–			
93	60	Craftpack	87	92	–	7.6●	8.4	10.8
43	2	Craven Lodge	1½	2½	–			
190	100	Creighton Nat	185	195	+10	7.7b	4.1	54.0
68	30	Crossroads Oil Gp	42	45	+1			
207	23	Crown Corp.	42	47	–	2.0●	4.4	–
110	60	Crown Eye	77	87	–	4.0	4.9	6.9
130	33	Davies (DW)	32	35	–	–	–	2.1
70	70	Delmar	68	71	–			14.1
228	140	Densmore Elec	138	147●	–	7.5	5.2	5.6
63	63	Diamond Gp	–	–	–	1.6f		
121	81	Dolphin Packaging	105	110	+2	5.3	4.9	12.3
540	430	Dock	495	510	+5	10.9	2.2	12.7
23½	8½	Donton	8½	9½	+½	0.6	6.7	–
114	93	Dudley Jenkins	100	110●	–	5.2	5.0	15.5
54	36	Durham (DB)	33	38	–	2.7	7.5	7.0
178	77	EW Fact	62	67	+2	4.8	6.1	11.7
43	7	Eadie	8	11	–	–	–	3.7
86	22	EFG	23	27	-3	1.7●	6.8	–
32½	17	Edie Oil & Gas	18	19	–			–
187	93	Eldridge Pope 'A'	105	113	+1	6.5	5.0	–
130	105	Epwin	110	120	+2	8.4	7.3	6.2
271	210	Eve Group	247	252●	+5	11.5	4.6	7.9
83	21½	Expedier Plc	35	40	–	0.7	1.8	13.6
38	13	Explaura Hldgs	19½	21	+½	–	–	–
17¾	11½	Fairhaven Intl	12	13½	–			
69	41	Fairway London	50	53●	–	4.0●	7.7	11.8
274	178	Farnpak	270	278	+4	8.5	3.1	16.5
115	40	Faupel	67	72	+2	8.5	8.3	8.2
45	31	Feedback	32	37	+2	–	–	12.2
100	5	Ferrari	3	8	-1½	–	–	0.9
8½	1½	Fernwest	1½	2½	+½	–	–	2.6
118	51	Ferrum	80	82	+5	2.0	3.3	15.4
41	10	Fields (Alan)	10	11	–	–●	–	–
43	13	Filofax	25	27	+1	–	–	–
28	10	Firstland	10	13	+2			20.3
193	105	Flextech	148	153	+8	1.3	0.8	14.8
132	22	Ford Sellar	23	25	-4	–	–	0.6
75	39	Forward Gp	40	45	–	1.3	3.0	
282	184	Freeman Gp	222	230	+2	11.3	5.0	8.5
65	29	French Conn	27	32	–	3.6	12.0	–
430	335	Fuller Smith 'A'	370	385	+5	7.7	2.0	16.5
53	22	GCF Gp	25	27	–	2.3	8.8	–
585	165	GWR Gp	218	225●	+8	8.0	3.6	20.0
63	33	Gabicci	30	33	+1	3.3	10.2	8.8
138	90	Gibbon Lyons	90	100	–	8.0	8.4	8.4
291	215	Gibbs Mew	213	223●	–	9.0	4.1	85.8
32	16	Global	25	27	-2	0.7f	2.7	8.4
220	175	Great Southern	185	190	+3	11.2	6.0	12.8
248	85	Green (Ernest)	125	135	–	9.3	7.2	4.9
8	4½	Greenacre	7	8½	–	0.3	3.6	26.6
26	6	Greenwich Comms	5	7	–			
30	7	Guildhouse	5	9	–	0.2	2.9	23.3
228	148	Hadleigh Inds	165	180	+8	8.3	5.0	8.8
118	13	Halls Homes	20	22	–			
71	28	Hampden Homecare	24	29	–	1.1	4.1	3.9
221	78	Handley Walker	77	82	–	10.7	13.4	4.0
41	8	Harcourt	10	12	+1	–	–	–
48	11	Harmony Leisure	18	20	–			
46	4	Hawthorn Leslie	4	5	–	–	–	2.9
13½	44	Hawtree	200	250	–	4.1	1.8	27.5
12½	175	do 'A' LV	180	200	–	4.1	2.3	22.2
136	16	Heritage	20	25	–			
118	73	Hewetson	83	85●	+8	6.0	7.0	5.3
45	22	Hay & Croft	20	25	–	–	–	4.4
100	65	Hickson	62	72	–	–	–	8.1
24	6½	Hobson	7	8	–			
125	75	Holders Tech	70	80	–	8.0	10.7	13.8
60	14	Honeysuckle Gp	35	45	+3			
248	205	Hornby	230	233	+2	10.0	4.3	8.2
37	4	Hughes Food	4½	6	–	–	–	2.1
162	85	Huntleigh Tech	150	158	+1	3.3	2.1	21.6
117	85	INSTEM	100	110	+7	3.6	3.4	8.1
22	8	Intl Comms & Data	14½	16	+2			
65	21	Ibex Hldgs	18	23	–	2.7	12.9	2.0
50	18	Image Storage	15	20	–			
18½	5½	Inoco	8½	9½	+½	–	–	–
78	43	Intercare Gp	63	68●	+1	1.7●	2.6	–
180	75	Interlink Express	138	142	-8	11.2	8.0	5.8
22	8	Intl Comms & Data	14½	16	+2	–	–	–
6	3	Intl Media	4	5	–	–	–	–
106	30	Intl Resort	33	37	–	–	–	3.8
15	1½	JMD Group	2	2½	–	–	–	6.1
23	6	Kemp (PE)	5	7	–	–	–	–
46½	9	Kenmare Res	14	16	-1			
325	145	Kewill Systems	215	225	–	6.0	2.7	8.1
73	41	LPA Ind	50	55	–	4.7	8.9	9.1
225	158	Lambert	222	227	–	14.1	6.3	13.2
45	3½	Laser-Scan	20	25	–			
145	42	LBMS Plc	40	50	–	1.5	3.3	21.3
81	36	LGW	33	38	–	1.3	3.6	45.8
140	66	Lincat	72	75	–	6.8	9.2	5.3
47	3	Lincoln Hse	2	4	–			0.7
133	98	Lon & Clydeside	130	135	+2	9.3	7.0	5.8
122	57	Lon Forfaiting	120	124	+3	9.7	8.0	
165	75	MMT Comp	73	78	-1	4.0	5.3	7.4
146	118	MTL Instruments	137	142	+2	3.5	2.5	12.7
58	35	Magnetic Materials	42	45	–	4.0	9.1	7.5
41	9	March Gp	12	15	–	–●		
43	11	Marylebone	10	12	–	–	–	2.0
18	3	Masterprint	4	6	–			–
48	19	Mayborn	30	34	–	5.1	15.9	
370	183	Maxwell-Smith	230	235●	+6	9.2	3.9	9.8
27	3½	Merchant Mgmt Est	3	4½	–			
520	58	Merrydown Wine	430	445	–	9.3	2.1	20.9
138	108	Metal Bulletin	130	135	+3	9.2	6.9	10.9
165	130	Metsec	140	147	–	8.2	5.7	8.7
183	85	Microlec	120	130	+10	5.5s	4.4	10.8
35	15	Microvitec	18	19½	+½	0.4	2.1	–
180	91	Midland Scot Res	113	117	–			
44	14	Mission Gp	12	16	–	2.8	20.0	3.6
78	60	Morris Ashby	59	64●	–	5.5	8.9	7.1
40	7	Mowat	15	18	+1	0.7	4.1	84.4
27½	8	New England Props	11	12½	–	1.3	10.8	18.2
90	85	Do 10%	90	100	–	10	11.1	–
38	21	Norban	28	33	+1	0.9	2.9	12.8
73	38	Northumbrian Fine	47	51	-1	2.0	4.1	–
18	7½	Optometrics	7	9	–			
146	72	Osborne & Little	93	97	+2	7.7	8.1	6.6
133	95	PCT	100	110	+10	6.0	7.6	9.1
35	7	PNL	17	19	–			9.0
77	45	Pacer Systems	60	65	–	–	–	
17	8	Paramount	13½	14½	–	–	–	18.4
11	3½	Pathfinders	4	5	–	–●	–	13.6
398	152	Pegasus	183	193	+8	18.1	9.8	6.3
278	72	Pipe Group	105	110●	+3	8.7	8.1	4.4
141	104	Pict Pet	112	114	–			17.8
110	80	Plasmec	62	67	–	6.7	10.3	7.3
58	31	Platon	30	33	–	–●		6.0
80	6	Porth Gp	4	7	–	2.3	38.3	1.5
96	86	Porvair	93	98●	–	4.0	4.2	8.3
132	78	Prism Leisure	73	78	–	6.0	7.9	14.1
3	0½	Property Trust	1	1½	–			
395	54	Pston	58	65	–	3.2	5.2	6.0
76	28	Quiligotti	43	47	+5	2.9	6.4	10.5
110	5	RAF	3	8	–	–	–	0.8
15	4	RMT Gp	4½	5½	–			
813	185	Radio City 'A'	195	200	+8	14.0	7.1	9.3
313	215	Radio Clyde	248	252	–	11.0	4.4	11.5
73	37	Radius	47	50	+2	3.7	7.6	12.6
61	42	Ramco Oil	57	59	–	1.3s	2.2	15.8
102	40	Ranger	55	60	+2			
175	140	Rathbone Bros	172	178	+2	9.3	5.3	9.6
83	33	Real Time Control	60	65	+2	1.3	2.1	–
154	13	Regal Hotels	15	17	-1	7.8	48.8	–
20	1½	Regina Health	2½	3	+½			
208	127	Reliance Sec	202	207	+2	9.9	4.8	13.3
29	3	Robert Gp	2	4	–	0.9f	30.0	1.0
80	23	Restaurateur	21	24	–	–	–	–
100	25	Riva	42	47	–	–	–	–
55	4	Rockwood	5½	6½	–			
126	63	Rodial	65	70	–	5.7	8.4	4.9
187	70	RPS Group	105	115	–	4.0	3.6	11.7
30	15	SEP Indl	14	16●	–	1.4	9.3	3.8
61	11	SPS Consultancy	10	13	–	–●	–	46.2
121	44	Sanoel	40	47	–	2.3	5.2	
270	158	Sanders Stacey	265	275	–	11.5	4.3	20.8
76	18	Savage	50	53	+2			
120	6	Scott Hydrable	21½	23	–	4.7	20.8	1.6
160	82	Seacon	95	105●	-4	4.7	4.7	7.2
192	138	Sec Archives	177	184	+1	9.3	5.1	13.7
100	5	Select App	8	10	+1			0.4
121	23	Self Cosmetic	23	27	–	4.7	18.8	3.6
104	30	Severfield-Reeve	60	63	–	5.3	8.5	4.3
87	75	Sheldon Jones	78	88	+3	6.8f	8.2	8.7
68	36	Shelton (Martin)	43	48	–	3.3	7.2	7.1
155	80	Sheriff Hldgs	78	85●	–	6.8	8.3	7.3
180	85	Sherwood Comp	110	118	–	7.0	6.1	3.5
410	257	Sherwood Group	405	415	+40	11.2	2.7	12.0
208	118	Sinoco	130	140	+10	6.5	4.8	6.5
61	30	Soundtracks	29	32●	+1	2.8	9.4	8.7
275	210	Spandex	265	280	–	7.0	2.6	12.1
31	8	Specialeyes	15	17	–			–
56	33	Stainless Metal	42	47●	–	1.3	2.9	–
170	54	Stanhope Props	94	98	–	0.1	0.1	19.4
145	63	Sterling Pub	60	65●	–	8.0	12.7	5.1
44	34	Sterling Tst	42	45	+3	5.3	12.0	3.5
62	11	Sunleigh Elect	18	21 r	+4			
80	23	Sutherland	39	41●	–	2.1	5.3	–
218	16	Syscas Comp	105	113	–	4.5	4.1	–
25	7	TDS Circuits	8	10	–	–f		–
82	21	TLS Range	29	32	–	3.7	11.9	6.4
320	188	TMD Advert	195	200●	–	8.4	4.2	9.6
216	156	TV-am	204	209	+7	16.0	7.7	8.8
107	11	Telecomputing			–	–	–	–
14	4	Telford Gp	3	4½	–	–	–	–
70	29	Teredo	28	30	-1	–	–	–
14	5	Tere Plc	4½	5½	–			
150	103	Thornton GW	113	122	-2	6.3	5.3	9.1
92	70	Tinsley (Eliza)	67	72	-1	6.9	9.9	6.4
95	40	Tipo	80	60	–	4.0	7.3	10.2
75	28	Torex Hire	37	42●	–	2.1	5.3	12.7
19	10	Total Systems	8	11	–			
43½	8½	Tranwood	4	4½	–	–	–	0.9
483	79	Transworld	123	128	-2			5.4
126	53	Treatt	72	77●	–	4.3	6.7	10.3
300	55	Trenchermood	73	80	+2	–	–	4.3
81	39	Trevian Hldgs	45	50	–			3.8
48	10	Trifion	16	18●	+2	0.7	4.1	
18	2	Tubular Edgn	1½	2½	–			3.3
41	22	Tudor	22	27	–	3.6	14.4	4.2
10½	184	Utd Friendly	297	307	+5	12.3	4.1	
185	112	Unit Group	110	117	–			12.9
78	58	Usher (Frank)	57	60●	+1	6.0	10.2	5.3
63	3	Venture Plant	7	9	-1			
121	68	VTR Plc	70	75	+3	4.4	6.6	7.0
16½	7½	Vistec	12	13	–			13.4
16	7½	Walpac	12½	14	–	0.7	5.2	12.4
78	65	Wartson	65	60	–	4.1	7.1	9.6
30	12	Wentworth	15	18	–			5.6
88	27	Wescol	42	46	–	2.0	4.5	24.7
23	3	Westport	4½	5½	–	0.8	16.0	3.6
125	39	West Scaffold	47	50	+1	6.7	13.7	5.3
22	5	Wharfdale	6	7	–			92.9
75	28	Whitney Mackay	27	30	–	1.3	4.5	10.4
21	9	William (Rex) Hldgs				–f		
78	48	Wood John D & Co	73	83●	–	2.9	3.7	22.1
85	15	Wid of Leather	20	25	+2	–●		
188½	127	Wyevale	157	160	+1	4.5	2.8	18.5
90	54	Wyko	53	57●	+1	5.0	7.7	7.1
12	5½	XCL Sunrise	5½	6½	–	–	–	–
59	4	Xtra-vision	3	7 r	-1	–	–	–
44	38	Yelverton	37	40 r	–	2.7	6.9	7.5
178	130	Young Group	128	132	–	10.4	8.0	8.1
18	2½	Zurich Group	4	4½	–	–	–	–

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

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1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
12¼	900	Alliance	12¼	12¾	+½	50.7	4.0	35.7
182	119	Amer Trust	162	165	+5	6.1	3.7	32.0
317½	207	Ang & O'seas	275	280	+7	8.2	2.9	41.9
97	67	Anglo Scot Inv Tst	80	82	+4	6.0	7.4	16.8
108	81	BZW Conv	104	108	–	8.0	7.8	23.5
101	75	Bankers	98	100	+3	3.7	3.7	30.8
178	105	Berry Starq	127	128	+4½	–●		58.2
85½	63½	Br Assets	83	85	+2½	6.2	6.2	25.0
58½	42½	Br Empire Sec	51	51½	+1	1.0	2.0	65.7
27	10	Do Wnts	14	15	+½			
678	515	Br Inv	675	680	+30	28.3	4.3	29.8
177	128	Brunner	157	160●	+7	6.7	3.8	30.5
15	11½	City & Comm	13½	13¾	+½	–	–	–
284	147	Cons Venture	178	182	+5	–	–	–
197	127	Contl Asset	157	162●	+2	0.9	0.6	90.9
209	147½	Derby Inc	202	204	+1	23.5	11.6	11.5
220	155	Do Cap	180	190	+10			
112	52	Drayton Asia	79	81	+4	0.9	1.1	80.8
585	313	Drayton Cons	345	355	+4	22.7	6.5	20.6
140	90	Drayton Eng Intl	100	102	+2	4.1	4.1	38.7
527	70	Drayton Far East	100	103●	+4½	0.8	0.8	
548	405	Dunedin Inc Gth	541	545	+11	32.0●	5.9	21.5
569	390	Dunedin Worldwide	465	482	+9	12.0	2.5	45.7
286	205	Dundee & Lon	265	270	+17	18.0	6.0	21.9
237	179	Edinburgh	230	233	+5	9.7	4.2	29.6
124	88	Electric Gen	113	115	+5	4.0b	3.5	39.4
145	10½	English Scot	126	129	+5	4.7	3.7	38.9
103	30½	Ettagle	40	42	+3	1.7	4.1	31.8
310	193	European Asset	222	227	–			
424	141	F & C Eurotrust	180	182	+4	1.5	0.8	–
146	63	F & C Germany	100	104	+1	–●	–	22.2
224	125	F & C Pacific	173	175	+7	1.9	1.1	81.6
92	64½	F & C Fenwise	90	92	+3½	2.2	2.4	51.4
12½	7	First Charlotte	8½	10	+½	0.3	3.1	44.3
173	87	First Tokyo Index	110	113	+3			
184	118	Fleming American	162	165●	+6	2.3	1.4	81.8
328	235	Fleming Claver	325	328●	+7	13.3	4.1	30.2
162	121	Fleming Enterprise	160	162	+4	5.3	3.3	38.7
300	147	Fleming Far East	207	212	+13	2.0	1.0	
246	149	Fleming Fledgeling	185	190●	+6	4.7	2.4	58.0
103	85	Fleming High Inc	101	104●	+1	7.7	7.5	16.5
323	170	Fleming Japanese	230	235	+7	1.0e	0.4	
238	185	Fleming Mercantile	215	217	+7	8.5	3.9	26.8
248	147	Fleming Overseas	190	192●	+3½	5.3	2.8	48.0
259½	194	Fleming Universal	235	238	+7	3.7	1.6	
175	134	For Col	185	189	+6	3.9	2.3	51.1
213	146	GT Japan	202	207●	+1	1.9	0.9	–
154	75	General Cons Cap	123	128	+3			
128	102	Do Inc	125	128●	+2	13.6b	10.9	11.9
184	118	Govett Atlantic	159	161	+6	4.7b	2.9	81.6
518	253	Govett Oriental	355	363	+11	2.3	0.6	
277	153	Govett Strategy	190	194●	+7	8.7	4.5	18.9
328	229	Greenfriar	280	284●	+8	7.3	2.6	40.2
425	285	Gresham House	275	320	+23	9.7	3.3	17.9
54	28	Independent Inv Co	32	34	+2½	0.3	0.9	–
113	87	Inv Cap	109	112●	+3	6.7	6.0	22.4
102	78	Ivory Sime Opt Inc	65	68	+1	6.1	10.5	24.9
141¾	104	Ivory Sime 0% Pf	140	142	–			
185	122	Kleinwort Charter	158	159●	+4½	6.4	4.1	25.9
169½	124	Kleinwort O'seas	157	160	+6	4.3	2.7	44.4
153	90	Kleinwort Smaller	122	123	+4½	6.1	5.0	22.9
400	318	Law Debenture	395	400	+8	19.0	4.8	27.8
83	33	Leveraged Opp	53	58	+2			13.2
211	165	Merchants	208	211	+6	11.7	5.6	23.6
19½	8½	Merrill Lynch	10½					
380	288	Monks Inv Tst	336	349	+9	8.3	2.4	65.6
245	185	Murray Income	242	247	+10	12.9	5.3	24.0
252	176	Murray Intl	223	227	+8	13.4	6.0	20.6
273	161½	Murray Small	240	243	+6	4.5	1.9	78.1
315	202	Murray Ventures	215	217	+7	12.5	5.8	18.2
75	48	New Fronier	47	50	–	0.3	0.6	85.3
110½	74½	do 6⅝% Ln	75	78●	–	650	8.7	–
101	78	Nothing Inc 83	99	102	+2	10.7b	10.6	11.8
264	172	O'seas Inv Tst	232	235	+9	3.2	1.4	98.6
268	127	Pacific Assets	189	193	+5	1.2	0.6	78.5
35	6	Parade Gp	5	8	–			
53½	34	Personal Assets	46	48	+1	2.0●	4.3	44.3
130	80	RIT Cap Prtnrs	97	100	+3	3.5	3.5	23.7
118	70	River & Merc	115	120	+4			
358	282	Robeco	289		+6	–	–	–
362	236	Rolinco	285		+5	–	–	–
19½	16½	Rorento	19½			–	–	–
244	189	St Andrew Inv Tst	225	227●	+2	9.6b	4.2	30.7
178	131	Scottish	182	185	+6	5.4	3.3	40.4
119	88½	Scot American	112	113●	+4	5.1	4.5	25.5
64½	46	Scot Eastern	58	59	+2½	1.8	3.1	41.5
94	63	Scot Mgrs 'A'	72	73	+4	4.6	6.3	20.7
152	112	Scot Mtge	148	150	+4	4.7	3.2	37.6
16½	880	Second Alliance	10½	10¾●	+½	44.7	4.1	30.5
72	54	Secs Tst of Scotland	71	72	+2	3.9b	5.5	24.7
131	71	Selective Asset	94	97●	+4	1.0	1.0	48.7
45½	22	Sphere Inv	30	31½	+1½	5.2s	16.6	7.9
294	222	Steel Bonds	280	287	+10	16.0	5.5	18.7
107	56	TR Far East	79	82●	+1	5.3	6.5	15.1
113½	84½	Tr City Of Lon	112	114	+4	5.8	5.0	28.2
104	40	TR Pacific	78	80	+2	0.3	0.4	
55½	29	TR Property	34	35	+2	1.9	5.5	21.0
92	20	TR Tech Inv	47	48	+4	2.1	4.4	15.3
158	98	TR Smlr Cos	135	137●	+7	4.5	3.3	38.7
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87	45½	Throgmorton	60	62●	+4	2.9	4.8	28.5
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247	188	Tribune	234	236●	+10	7.9	3.4	30.9
183	133	USDC Investment	169	182	+3	5.1	3.2	35.1
89	65	Value Inc Tst	68	70	+2	3.4b	4.9	17.7
113	97	Westpool	102	105	–	2.9	2.8	29.2
578	403	Whitbread Inv	557	580	+9	16.3	2.9	47.6
189	122½	Witan	157	160●	+5	6.3	4.0	39.3

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%) (continued)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
French Franc:	9½-9¼	9⁷⁄₁₆-9⁵⁄₁₆	9½-9⅜	9⁹⁄₁₆-9⁷⁄₁₆	9⅜-8⅞
Swiss Franc:	8¼-8	8⅛-8	8-7⅞	8-7¾	8-7
Yen:	8¼-8	8³⁄₁₆-8⅛	8³⁄₁₆-8¹⁄₁₆	8-7¾	7⅛-6⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS

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Low: $363.25-363.75 Krugerrand: $363.25-364.25 (£192.75-193.75)
Sovereigns: Old $92.00-93.50 (£47.50-49.00) New $87.75-89.00 (£45.75-46.75)
Platinum: $399.00 (£211.15) Silver: $3.92 (£2.075) Palladium: $82.75 (£43.60)

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Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 6

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(+/-)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eng/Wales:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(+/-)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(%)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Scotland:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(+/-)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(%)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

* Estimated [illegible]

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(Official) (Volume prev day)

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Lead (£/tonne) [illegible]
Zinc Spec Hi Gde [illegible]
Tin ($/tonne) [illegible]
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne) [illegible]
Nickel ($/tonne) [illegible]

[illegible]

Liability for extension cover

Touche Ross & Co and Others v Baker

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Mann and Sir David Croom-Johnson

[Judgment February 28]

A Lloyd's underwriting syndicate exercising contractual rights under the terms of a policy of professional indemnity insurance not to renew its coverage did not prevent the assured from claiming "discovery extension cover" against that syndicate during the three-year period following the policy's termination date.

The right to such cover was not restricted to cases where all the participating underwriters had refused to renew their coverage under the policy.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by a syndicate of underwriters, Syndicate 126 at Lloyd's, being represented by one of its members, Mr Colin Baker, from the judgment of Mr Justice Leggatt on July 27, 1989 in favour of the plaintiffs, Touche Ross & Co, Arthur Young & Co, Arthur Andersen, Price Waterhouse, Ernst & Whinney and Deloitte Haskins & Sells.

Mr A. R. Boswood, QC and Mr Guy Philips for Syndicate 126; Mr Jonathan Mance, QC and Mr Robert Bright for the plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that the judge had granted the plaintiffs a declaration that the underwriters, Syndicate 126, indemnify them in respect of claims made under certain Lloyd's excess professional indemnity policies.

In the 1970s and early 1980s substantial lines of professional indemnity insurance were underwritten by Syndicate 126. It had participated both in primary policies and in various layers of excess insurance.

The appeal concerned certain excess policies that were all written as declarations under line slips. The line slips were initialled by the leading underwriter and then, in respect of the line underwritten by Syndicate 126, by the active underwriter of the syndicate for the time being. The policies were for three years from June 1984.

In 1985, Syndicate 126, in accordance with the contractual terms of the policies, gave notice of non-extension after the expiry date. Other participating syndicates negotiated fresh terms for extending their involvement.

Each policy contained provision for "discovery extension cover" as follows: "If the underwriters shall refuse to extend this policy . . . the assured firm shall then have the right . . . to an extension of the cover granted by this policy in respect of any claim or claims made against the assured firm during the period of 36 calendar months after the date of termination but only in respect of acts committed before the date of termination . . ."

It was claimed on behalf of Syndicate 126 that an assured firm was not entitled to claim discovery extension cover against it unless all the participating underwriters had adopted the same stance and maintained their refusal to renew their coverages.

Because some syndicates had renewed, it was argued, discovery extension rights could not be exercised against Syndicate 126; the rights had to be exercised against all the underwriters or against none.

It was common ground that an underwriting member of Lloyd's undertook a several liability (section 8 of the Lloyd's Act 1982). However, Syndicate 126 drew the court's attention to the fact that since early days, Lloyd's underwriters had acted collectively through the syndicate system.

Although the liability of the individual underwriter to indemnify the assured was several, it was submitted, for many purposes the words "the underwriters" in the policies meant the underwriters collectively; for example, the clause giving the right to give notice of non-extension was a right to be exercised collectively.

Mr Boswood turned to the discovery extension clauses, arguing that the words "an extension of the cover granted by the policy" had to relate to the type and scope of cover then in existence, namely the insurance cover under the policy then in existence between the assured firm and the subscribing underwriters.

Extension cover, he submitted, provided by only some of the underwriters and in respect of only a proportion of the cover was not "an extension of the cover granted by the policy". The cover granted by the renewing underwriters was in effect new cover.

His Lordship said it was true the individual policy was expressed as being a policy between the assured and the participating underwriters as a group. But both in fact and in law the phrase "this policy" meant and included a bundle of separate contracts.

Accordingly, although for certain purposes the underwriters acted collectively, it was necessary to examine in any particular case whether an individual syndicate retained the right to act separately.

The fact that the policy incorporated a number of separate contracts meant that the individual syndicates were free not only to decide how to deal with a particular claim but also to decide whether or not they wish to renew coverage.

However, there was no reason why a decision to renew coverage of the assured should affect the right of the assured to claim discovery extension cover against other syndicates who might have decided not to renew.

It followed that the words "an extension of the cover granted by the policy" in the discovery extension clauses meant an extension of the cover granted under the separate contracts. Thus in construing the policy it was necessary to give full effect to the fundamental principle that the policy embraced a number of separate contracts.

That fundamental principle and the rights conferred by those separate contracts had to take priority over provisions which were designed to facilitate collective action where that was appropriate.

In what was a troublesome case the judge had reached the right decision and the appeal was dismissed.

Lord Justice Mann and Sir David Croom-Johnson agreed.

Solicitors: Simmons & Simmons; Lovell White Durrant.

Claim of illegality must be pleaded

Shell Chemicals UK Ltd and Another v Vinamul Ltd (formerly Vinyl Products Ltd

Before Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice Stuart-Smith

[Judgment March 5]

The requirement in Order 18, rule 8(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court, that in any pleading subsequent to a statement of claim a party had to specifically plead any matter showing illegality, was mandatory.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal on an interlocutory point brought by the plaintiffs, Shell Chemicals UK Ltd and Thermocomfort Ltd, against the decision of Mr Justice Schiemann who, on February 21, 1991 refused the plaintiffs' application for an order that the defendants were not entitled to contend that the plaintiffs were not legally liable to their contractors in either contract or negligence on the ground that the point had not been pleaded.

Mr John Slater, QC and Miss Jane Davies for the plaintiffs; Mr Michael Harvey, QC and Mr William J. Wood for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE WOOLF said the ruling which gave rise to the appeal was whether the defendants were required to plead in their defence specific contentions on which they wished to rely late in the trial.

Until the matter was raised on the twenty-second day of the hearing, there was no trace of the particular argument in the pleadings. The plaintiffs contended that if the defendants wanted to rely on that point they were required to plead it.

The defendants contended that such a pleading was unnecessary. Mr Justice Schiemann had ruled in favour of the defendants.

It was clear, however, that the defendants recognised that there might be a need to amend the pleadings as they had prepared a draft as a precaution. His Lordship did not find that surprising as, if the issue were to be canvassed at the trial, it would be necessary for further discovery to take place.

It was argued by Mr Harvey that Mr Justice Schiemann had dealt with the matter in the exercise of his discretion and, accordingly, the Court of Appeal should not intefere.

Mr Slater pointed out that the use of "must" in Order 18, rule 8 made the rule mandatory.

In his Lordship's judgment, that was right, subject only to the qualification that there would always be matters of judgment involved in deciding whether a particular pleading fulfilled the requirements of Order 18, rule 8.

If a case fell within a grey area, the Court of Appeal would likely to hesitate before interfering with the decision of the trial judge for the practical reason that the judge conducting the trial would normally be in a good position to assess whether the rule had been complied with.

However, the instant case was not in a grey area. It was one where clearly the language of Order 18, rule 8 required specific issues on which the defendants wished to rely to be pleaded.

The very fact that the whole nature and range of discovery was altered by the point raised underlined the language and spirit of Order 18, rule 8 requiring such issues to be pleaded.

However, his Lordship wished to make it clear that although he had reached that conclusion in the present case he did not wish to encourage such appeals and he accepted the spirit of Mr Harvey's submissions that normally matters relating to pleadings could be left to the trial judge.

Lord Justice Stuart-Smith agreed.

Solicitors: *Rowe & Maw*; Herbert Smith.

Conviction no bar to assault claim

Simpson v Chief Constable of South Yorkshire Police

Before Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Stocker

[Judgment February 27]

A person convicted of malicious wounding and threatening behaviour in the course of his lawful arrest by police officers was not precluded from alleging that the officers assaulted him at the same time.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Stocker dissenting) so held in a reserved judgment allowing in part an appeal by Mr Adrian Charles Simpson, of Church Road, Stainforth, Doncaster, from a decision of Mr Justice Kennedy in his action against the defendant, the Chief Constable of South Yorkshire Police.

Mr Michael Mansfield, QC and Mr Patrick Roche for the plaintiff; Mr Piers Ashworth, QC and Mrs Rosalind Coe for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE FOX said that case arose out of an incident during the miners' strike, on August 21, 1984. The amended statement of claim alleged that on August 21 the plaintiff was walking past Hatfield Main Colliery, Stainforth, Doncaster; that although picketing was taking place at the colliery, the plaintiff was not a participant; that while standing in a garden, the plaintiff was struck on the head and fell to the ground and was then struck again four or five times; that the blows were administered by Police Constable Kelly and PC Pemberton, who while dragging him to a police van assaulted and injured him in an alleyway.

The statement of claim further alleged that the plaintiff's detention from the moment of his being taken into custody until his release that evening constituted a false imprisonment by reason of the unreasonable force used by the officers upon the person of the plaitiff.

By his defence, the defendant denied that any police officers assaulted the plaintiff at any time and pleaded the convictions of the plaintiff for malicious wounding of PC Kelly and using threatening behaviour whereby a breach of the peace was likely to be occasioned.

Those convictions, by the Thorne Justices on November 27, 1984, were upheld on appeal by the crown court. The convictions were in respect of the throwing of a stone at PC Kelly on August 21 and the plaintiff's conduct immediately before his arrest.

The defendant applied to strike out the allegations. The district registrar struck out those relating to assault. On appeal by both parties, the judge upheld the registrar's decision and also struck out the other allegations.

With regard to the assault, the judge had held that the plaintiff sought by the relevant allegations to re-litigate that which had been litigated in the magistrates' court and the crown court because he dealt with the same officer and the same incident which terminated in his being arrested and detained.

Accordingly, the judge held, the plaintiff fell foul of the decision of the House of Lords in *Hunter v Chief Constable of West Midlands Police* ([1982] A C 529) because what he was doing was to make a collateral attack on the correctness of the decision of the crown court.

The allegations raised issues of fact. *Prima facie*, the plaintiff was entitled to have them determined at a trial upon such proper evidence as he chose to present to the court.

The court could not strike out the allegations and thus deny him his right to a trial of the facts except in a clear case where it was demonstrated that he had no cause of action.

There could be no reason for striking out the allegations unless one could conclude that it necessarily followed from the finding of guilt in relation to malicious wounding and threatening behaviour that the criminal courts must have concluded that the facts alleged in relation to the assault never occurred. There was no basis for such a conclusion.

As to false imprisonment, the allegation was, in effect, an assertion of the use of undue force in effecting an arrest, making the arrest itself unlawful. No authority was cited which supported that proposition. Nor would it be a sensible state of the law.

The circumstances of many arrests were such that errors of judgment might be made. If the arrest itself was justified in law, such errors in the mode of conducting it, although they might be the basis for other remedies, did not seem to be a good basis for invalidating the arrest itself which was necessary in the public interest.

If the arrest was made with due authority, it was not a false imprisonment. Thus *Blackstone's Commentaries* stated (Book III, p127) that "unlawful or false imprisonment consists in such confinement or detention without sufficient authority".

There was authority for the arrest in the present case. For the validity of the arrest, what was crucial was the authority.

Lord Justice Balcombe delivered a concurring judgment.

LORD JUSTICE STOCKER, dissenting in relation to the assault, said that he could see nothing in the decision in *Hunter's* case to indicate that the principle of that case did not apply equally to an inferential as well as an express finding if the inference was inescapable.

The assault alleged formed an integral part of the plaintiff's defence in the criminal proceedings and in that sense it was an issue which was determined against him by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Solicitors: Grainger Appleyard, Doncaster; Hammond Suddards, Bradford.

Place of signature not necessarily where arbitration was made

Hiscox v Outhwaite

Before Mr Justice Hirst

[Judgment February 19]

In deciding where an arbitral award was "made" within section 7(1) of the Arbitration Act 1975, one should look at the arbitration as a whole, not merely the place of signature.

Mr Justice Hirst so held in the Queen's Bench Division in a reserved judgment given in open court after a hearing in chambers when dismissing a preliminary point raised by the respondent, Richard Outhwaite, that the court had no jurisdiction to hear applications made by Mr Robert Hiscox.

Section 7 of the 1975 Act provides: "(1) In this Act . . . 'Convention award' means an award made in pursuance of an arbitration agreement in the territory of a state, other than the United Kingdom, which is a party to the New York Convention . . .".

Mr Anthony Colman, QC and Mr Jonathan Gilman, QC, for the applicant; Mr Kenneth Rokison, QC and Mr Christopher Butcher for the respondent.

MR JUSTICE HIRST said that both parties were Lloyd's underwriters and the subject of the substantive proceedings was a contract of re-insurance.

There were before the court on February 15, 1991 applications in relation to an arbitration award made by Mr Robert MacCrindle, QC, as sole arbitrator.

The arbitration was heard in England and conducted under English rules. However, the award was signed in Paris by the arbitrator. France was a party to the New York Convention on the recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards of June 10, 1958.

Mr Rokison had submitted that the court could not entertain the application on the grounds that the arbitration was a convention award made in France where it had been signed and that the 1975 Act precluded the granting by the court of any of the applications sought.

In his Lordship's judgment, in construing the vital words in the 1975 Act, it was crucial to bear in mind that an award was not an isolated event but rather the culminating stage in a process of arbitration which had passed through a number of earlier phases from which it could not properly be divorced.

If Mr Rokison's argument was correct, an arbitration which from its inception through to its penultimate stage had been rooted entirely in one country could be capriciously transferred to another territory simply and solely as a result of the fortuitous factor of the place of signature of the award.

Such a result would be highly unreasonable and would cause great uncertainty since the parties would not know the territory of the award until they knew where it had been signed.

His Lordship said that if in the 1975 Act the word "made" had been replaced by the word "signed" then he should have been constrained to uphold Mr Rokison's argument, however anomalous the outcome.

But in order to decide where an award was made, one must look at the arbitration as a whole, not just at the place of signature.

Solicitors: Fishburn Boxer; Elborne Mitchell.

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GOLF

Ballesteros defending the last of his titles

By MITCHELL PLATTS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

SEVERIANO Ballesteros is facing the bleak prospect that he might have relinquished the only title he presently holds by Sunday evening. The Spaniard begins his defence of the Open de Baleares on the Santa Ponsa course near Palma today, aware that he will be in the spotlight after his abysmal start to 1991.

In his first tournament of the year, the Doral Open in Miami last week, Ballesteros shot rounds of 75 and 78 and missed the halfway cut by an astonishing ten shots. In addition, he has slipped to No. 9 in the Sony world rankings.

Ballesteros won only the Open de Baleares throughout 1990. He finished eighteenth in the Volvo Order of Merit, his lowest placing since 1975. It is almost unthinkable that Ballesteros, three-times the Open champion and twice winner of the Masters, should, at the age of 33, find himself without a title to his name.

It would certainly be premature to suggest that we have seen the best of Ballesteros, yet some observers feel that way. They include the Australian, Peter Thomson, who won two of his five Opens at Royal Birkdale, where the Championship will be held this July.

Thomson said: "I am sorry to see Ballesteros slip. I don't think he really reached his full potential and I don't think that we will ever see it now.

"They say the hungry fighter is the best fighter. It applies to golf as much as any sport. You can get too rich and complacent, and it doesn't matter how many balls you hit on the practice range. That doesn't change things. If you are fabulously wealthy, you don't look at it the way you did when you were hungry.

"It is a pity the prizes are so big. We should have seen Ballesteros trying hard, very hard, for about 20 years, because I think he was the most talented and naturally gifted player I ever saw."

Ballesteros has a new caddie in the Yorkshireman, Billy Foster, aged 24, who has replaced Ian Wright. Ian Woosnam, the winner of the Mediterranean Open last Sunday, is absent but José-Maria Olazábal, who was fined £250 for bringing the PGA European Tour into disrepute last week, and Mike McLean, who was runner-up to Woosnam, are among the contenders chasing a first prize of £45,825.

Old keeps the faith despite the Madness

Simon Barnes continues his celebration of the Madness of National Hunt racing. In the second of a three-part series on the Cheltenham festival next week, he meets Jim Old, the trainer who is a survivor

WHAT on earth is Jim Old doing in National Hunt racing? "I am told by reliable observers that most people would have certainly retired by now, and quite a few would have hung themselves." Last year he had two winners; this season he has five so far.

He has debts the way most stables have rats. He used to train 50 horses; now he has 20. Owner after owner has softly and silently vanished. Yet he is still there. He even has a decent prospect for the Cheltenham festival next week: Mole Board in the Champion Hurdle.

"Why? I don't know. We're not talking about love, we're talking about mainlining, aren't we?" Bad luck stories are ten a penny in racing, but so many dreadful things have happened to Old that he seems to have become the Job of the National Hunt game. "Oh, we've had lots of acts of God," he said.

He set up in 1972, and built himself up as a promising, knowledgeable young trainer. Fate, having lulled him into a false sense of security, then starting laying about him. The virus has infected his yard for some years. Even a move failed to remove the sting at once. The virus can lay low the mightiest, in fact, it did. You ask Vincent O'Brien. It can cling on year after year, follow you from yard to yard.

Old's buying pattern was disrupted by the bloodstock bubble of the early eighties. He then bought ten flying machines for one owner, who promptly took the lot away and proceeded to go through half-a-dozen or so trainers in three years before quitting the game.

He had five loyal owners who died. Their horses all subsequently moved on. One of them was Maori Venture who went on to win the Grand National. Since then, Old has been plagued by a collision between the constant firm ground that has plagued jump racing in recent seasons, and his own principles: "If you have concentrated on the old-fashioned steeplechasing sorts, you either haven't run them, or you have broken them down. I have not greedily and ruthlessly exploited my horses: it's one of the main reasons why I haven't picked up in the last two or three years.

"The only owners that have stayed loyal are those whose philosphies are identical to my own: they love their horses, they know the risks, and the won't take *unnecessary* risks with them. All this hard ground has thrown the National Hunt game in the direction of greedy bastards who exploit their horses. People who do it for different reasons have been conspicuously less successful. So you have less runners, less winners, less promotion, and everyone calls you a prat and says you can't train racehorses."

It is as if the god that presided over the Madness of National Hunt racing had struck a bet with the devil of expediency: no matter what disasters befall Jim Old, I bet that he will always keep the faith. And he has.

"Sometimes I believe that this is a message from God coming through, to send me out to Outer Mongolia as a missionary. He keeps trying to persuade me to stop. Every time I raise my head above the parapet, He knocks it off."

Why stay in the game? "It is almost something to be ashamed of. We love our horses, we love preparing them, trying to do it very well. I am more interested in that than in winning races ... which means that I get no thrill at all from taking a horse out to win on the rock-hard, knowing it will be on three legs the following morning."

There is a bull-headed honesty about Old that wins you over. He was hair-raisingly frank about the money side of his disasters. Switching properties twice gave enough profit to carry on in the virus years, but lately, he has been forced to tuck into capital. This season will cost him about £10,000. So will the next ... unless ... unless ...

JIM OLD

Born: Sept 1, 1947.
Stables: Heighes House, Ditcheat, Shepton Mallet.
Colours: Green and white quarters.
Riding career: Six winners as an amateur. **Training career:** Pupil assistant trainer with Neville Dent, Fred Rimell and Toby Balding. First licence 1972. **Best horses:** Mackelly, Joint Venture, Winged Dagger, Cima, Maori Venture, Torbole, Mole Board. **Best victories:** Greenham Group Hurdle, Lord Stalbridge Gold Cup, Fairlawne Chase, Oteley Hurdle, Hoescht Regumate (Mares) Hurdle. **Winners:** 220.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Festival fancy: Mole Board, Old's fancied entry at Cheltenham next week, is put through late preparatory work at his stables

"*Yes!* Yes I do believe the luck is going to turn. I am given some encouragement. People whose judgement you respect tell me I am very good at my job. Answer this: how come, with my record, I have any horses *at all*? Some people say, Old *must* be some sort of genius to keep going *at all*.

"But my accountant wants me to stop, my bank manager wants me to stop. When do you pull the plug? I could do nothing for a year and be a sight better off. Might start to see the wood for the trees ... But things could change with one winner. If the ground gets reasonable, I could be having 15, 16, 17 winners a season, starting to look respectable again. 'He's got winners again,' they'll say. It's all right.

"And then, it's just possible I will stop. If the right offer came along I would be tempted — but would I? I don't know. I'm not sure I would stop. Certainly, if I ever did stop, it would be money that stopped me. Not desire."

Old has moments of deep despondency, about his own situation, and about all National Hunt racing. The idea of training a horse for a quick win, never mind the consequences, is anathema to him. He has won races with three different 13 year olds, all of which he has had as youngsters. Consistency: the same names year after year: a world away from the cold commercialism of the flat: these are traditional National Hunt virtues, and virtues that Old believes are vanishing.

"You know, most successful people in the world, particularly racehorse trainers, are stark raving bonkers. Nobody knows if they start mad, or if the game drives them mad. I am well balanced, and I think that is a fault. *I* think I have taken reverses too philosophically and too calmly. Another person would have either topped himself or got out of the game ... anything, but get to this dismal state."

Ah me. The rule expressed in the Book of Job counts double when horses are involved: Man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.

TOMORROW
Michael Jackson, the owner

SPORTS LETTERS

Room for alternative code

From Mr M. L. Corrin

Sir, If the rugby union authorities refuse to allow or recognise professionalism at international level; it certainly exists at club level in one form or another in most countries of the world. In England it usually takes the form of a substantial endowment element in players' "expenses". I write as a former treasurer of an impoverished major club, which lost many players in the Seventies and Eighties due to the club's inability to pay expenses.

What is the objection to having a professional rugby union code running alongside the amateur game, as happens in rugby league? There are probably about 20 clubs that could afford to turn professional and the hundreds of amateur clubs would continue to play the game as it has been played for years. How many professional rugby league clubs spend £6,000 on sending their players to Lanzarote for mid-season training as Richmond are reported to have done?

How nice it would have been if the gentlemen of the RFU committee, who are so keen to maintain the amateur ethos, had written a short obituary to Eric Evans and John Currie in the programme for the Scotland match last month. Would it be too cynical to suggest that a half-page obituary would have reduced valuable advertising income?

Yours faithfully,
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Help for injured

From Dr R. W. James

Sir, Once again the question of professionalism is under scrutiny in rugby football. Yet for me, a doctor, former player and father of sporting sons, the concern remains that money generated by the game should be used first of all in developing an adequate support structure for the injured player.

Sadly, the level of insurance carried by rugby clubs is such that no financial support is ever seen by many players, even after major injury. This often comes at a time in a player's life when he is building a career and supporting a wife and young family, not to mention a mortgage.

Many of the injuries need early assessment and often urgent surgical intervention if the sportsman is to make a full recovery. The NHS, with its ever increasing waiting-lists, cannot give repair of the sportsman this kind of service and for the foreseeable future the private sector is the only way around the problem. If this is so, then insurance is vital. The increased revenue from gate takings, television fees, interview money and the rest should carry a health levy.

The game needs a serious look at development of health care for players, both in order to obtain urgent specialist opinion and to provide adequate funds to defray the cost of being injured.

R. W. JAMES,
20 Southwick Street,
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Committee power

From Mr Nicholas Kieft

Sir, Surely Gerald Davies (March 4) must realise that in Wales to serve on a committee is regarded as the pinnacle of achievement.

Whether it be chairman of a plc or member of the chapel committee, and in Wales the chapel committee usually carries far more clout than anything else, once a Welshman is on a committee, then as far as he is concerned he has made it, and is there to stay. In fact to be asked to step down from a committee carries far more shame than if it became common knowledge that his youngest daughter had to marry that Englishman she had met, outside The Winning Post, on her first visit to Twickenham.

Sadly, while Wales may yet get rid of Ron Waldron and half of the Neath team, our next coach will still have to take on the whole of the principality knowing that whatever be may suggest he will never change the "grey men".

I remain, yours in exile,
NICHOLAS KIEFT,
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Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Relaxed approach

From the Reverend W. R. Greatrex

Sir, With the news that there may be a Borg v Connors match ahead (report, February 21), as well as schedules of exhibition matches involving senior players, might there be the hope that "entertainments" could be introduced to please those of us more interested in watching former champions showing their skills than in winning. Four seniors (of either sex, or two of each) could provide two sets of singles and a set of doubles; if one could gather four of each sex, then the entire range of five kinds of matches could take place. In any case it would be an evening to remember for spectators and, I expect, there would be high television ratings as well, which would make such a venture feasible financially.

Senior golfers, such as Lee Trevino, are enjoying being seniors; it is more difficult to arrange in a game such as tennis, but some of the seniors might appreciate this more relaxed approach.

Yours truly,
WARREN GREATREX,
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Herefordshire.

Staff quality holds key

From Mr F. E. Ong

Sir, Two articles which appeared on February 20 encourage me to comment: the analysis of the findings of the government's working group on physical education, chaired by Ian Beer, and the leading article, "Regimental sport".

I found the working party's suggestions very comprehensive and agree that an element of choice must apply, a factor that has been addressed by varying the activities on offer by a "course" approach — different sports at different times over limited periods. I would also support the necessity of all having swimming instruction and, with regard to the games element, there must be the opportunity for these to be played at levels of expertise which do not preclude enjoyment of participating for the game's sake. So much of these recommendations depend on the quality and outlook of the PE staff and their willingness to give time outside normal school hours to clubs and activities.

With regard to the suggestion that "physical education" implies a joyless and unattractive activity, over a career which has been concerned with teaching and organising sporting activities for 40 years in schools, I can count on the fingers of one hand those who seriously objected to participating. My teaching experience concerned only boys, but my wife, who taught girls, tells me that although the number of objectors was higher, for a number of very good reasons, in general the PT, games and dancing lessons were looked forward to by the majority of her pupils.

I would also refute the suggestion that young men taking up a career in physical education after the second world war were merely using their experience of PT in the army. In fact they were products of a more enlightened age and graduated from a number of British colleges that specialised in PE, such as Jordanhill in Scotland and Carnegie in Leeds, or from colleges like Goldsmiths', which made certain all students followed a basic course in the subject.

Opposition to any imposed discipline can equally apply to any subject the student may not fancy and, from what I hear, this kind of behaviour has increased since the Sixties, when any form of discipline was replaced by a "do as you please" regime. The attractiveness of the PE lesson will depend on the calibre of the teachers, as does every subject in the national curriculum.

Yours faithfully,
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Technical innovation needed

From Mr J. J. Penn

Sir, During the opening match of the Australian tour to the West Indies, Allan Border survived a very confident appeal for caught behind when slashing at a wide ball. He went on to share a partnership with Taylor which could have won the match for the Australians. The umpire may quite possibly have been correct, but the President's XI, while sportingly accepting the decision, clearly thought otherwise.

This sort of scene is played out regularly at all levels of cricket, but does it really have to be? Surely it would not be too expensive or time consuming, using modern scientific techniques, to invent an easily portable machine capable of a playback, which could tell an umpire with absolute reliability whether the ball had in fact touched the bat, a pad or both, and in which order.

Critics might say that, as in the case of video evidence for run-outs and stumpings, it would rob the umpire of authority and would slow down the game. As far as I know, the only scientific aid given to umpires since the war has been the light meter, and yet presumably, like most of us, cricket's administrators are making use of a full array of modern aids such as electric typewriters, computers and data processors to improve the efficiency of their operations. Why are similar aids denied to the umpires?

With MCC seeking members' opinions on the huge video replay screen at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, cautious steps are being taken which at least recognise the potential for such screens. If their use becomes widespread, common sense dictates the introduction of some method by which the umpires could make use of their evidence before giving a decision. Electronic aids are being more widely used in almost all sports, and cricket's administrators should recognise that their introduction, not merely as gimmicks but as useful tools, would not only enhance the image of the game but might also help in a much needed revival of interest.

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Fitting penalty

From Mr Senthil R. Sinniah

Sir, Simon Wilde (February 26) criticises the Indian cricket board for not imposing stiffer punishments on Rashid Patel and Raman Lamba, who were involved in an unprecedented fracas during the Duleep Trophy final.

Their behaviour was deplorable and any player who violates the spirit of the game should have no place in it. However, not so long ago, Mike Gatting (captain of England) was involved in a disgraceful scene with an umpire in Pakistan. Was he punished? Yes, the Test and County Cricket Board sanctioned a payment of £1,000 to Gatting and the other players.

Yours faithfully,
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Success deserved

From Mr Oliver Caralho

Sir, Mr Cheeseman writes (February 27) that Oriel "can still claim not to have been bumped for 20 years." While this may be true, at least of Torpids, it should be pointed out that they were only head of the river for so long because the chasing crew is required to be at least a length and a half quicker over the mile-long course in order to make the bump.

Under such conditions, it is indeed probable that Christ Church would not have gone head this year without the technical bumps awarded against Oriel, despite the fact that, on both of the last two days, the former were a full length faster. Orielenses may claim that they were robbed of their position at the top, but they should face the fact that, at long last, the best crew is head of the river. Christ Church are indeed deserving of their current position, and their achievement should not be devalued by those grouches who also saw it as fair that Oriel should illegally attempt to gain extra training time over the majority of crews, who stayed off the Isis when it was closed.

It is true that Oriel men are *philerctmoi* (as opposed to their women, who are yet to achieve great success on the river, not being recruited by size like the men), and commendably so, but it is good to see an all-round sporting college at head, rather than one which devotes itself almost entirely to rowing.

Yours faithfully,
OLIVER CARALHO
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A silent fanfare

From Mr D. A. Brooks

Sir, Prior to the Ireland v England rugby union match, Mrs Mary Robinson was greeted by a "presidential fanfare", the Irish team by the Irish national anthem and the English team by silence. Perhaps England should have left the field at this stage and let the president square up to the Irish XV.

Yours faithfully,
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RUGBY LEAGUE

Clubs throw out three divisions

By KEITH MACKLIN

ON WHAT was described by the chief executive, David Oxley, as "a black and very sad day for the game of rugby league", clubs yesterday surprisingly rejected schemes for three divisions.

The vote for the so-called Hetherington plan, which envisaged three divisions of 14, eight and 14 clubs respectively, received a 19-15 vote in favour. Under the three-fifths rule of the Rugby Football League, the vote fell two short of the required majority. An amendment proposing three divisions of 14, 11 and 11 clubs was rejected by a large majority.

An angry and disillusioned Oxley said there was still time for the scheme to be resuscitated. One avenue could be another special general meeting, already convened for next month on another matter.

The most bewildering aspect of yesterday's vote was the complete change of course by many club representatives who, as members of the league council, had voted in favour of the Hetherington scheme at a previous meeting. This volte face was attributed by Oxley to the fact that at the council meeting members had voted as individuals, whereas they had returned yesterday mandated by their clubs to vote against the scheme.

Oxley named the teams which had voted against as Batley, Bramley, Castleford, the only first division club, Chorley, Dewsbury, Doncaster, Huddersfield, Hunslet, Keighley, Leigh, Runcorn Highfield, Swinton, Trafford Burrough, Whitehaven and Workington Town.

Oxley said that the dissident clubs had sabotaged a scheme that would have got rid of "the amorphous and shapeless mess that is the current second division fixture list". With a premier division of 14 and a fiercely competitive second tier of eight, rivalry in the third tier would have kept interest going to the end of the season.

"It seems odd and remarkable that the very clubs who stand most to benefit by a three division scheme are the ones who have voted against," Oxley said.

SHOOTING

Captain finds target

THE English VIII club, Britain's long-range match rifle shooters, beat the Olympic club of California, who had challenged them to a match at Coalinga, California, on Monday with only one shot fired on each side (a Special Correspondent writes).

It had been planned as an eight-hour event at 800yd, 900yd and 1,000yd, re-enacting the Creedmore match of 1876, which took place in Ohio to celebrate the centenary of American independence, but torrential rain meant that there was no likelihood of the targets staying intact for eight hours. Instead, a "champion" was chosen for each side.

John De Haviland, the England captain, shot first at 1,000yd, scoring ten points slightly below centre. The American captain, Larry Wilkins, had a wider margin for his single shot just above the centre, giving Britain victory.

SQUASH RACKETS

Schedule problems under fire

By COLIN MCQUILLAN

NEIL Harvey, the Carlisle Cannons team manager, is to launch a campaign for greater flexibility between promoters and organisers next season to avoid the sort of scheduling clash that threatens to cost his squad the Pimm's Premier League title over the next few weeks.

Cannons thrashed Lynic Surbiton this week to increase their leadership of the league to 14 points over Leekes Wizards and 16 over L and P Lambs, but their last two fixtures, against Lambs and Mosaic Priory, clash with German and Scottish Open first rounds that claim most of their world-class players.

"The way things stand right now, I will have to lead the line against Lambs with Aiden Harrison, a junior, at second string, our club coach Gareth Edwards at three and our squash director, John Cordeaux, at four," Harvey said yesterday.

"Two of our regular stars, Chris Dittmar and Paul Carter, will be playing each other in Cologne on that day, March 19, in a first round that also includes Del Harris and Simon Parke. The situation is similar with the Scottish Open on March 26, although I don't have full draw details yet and there may be the possibility of shuttling between Glasgow and Birmingham if the timings work."

Harvey insists that the scheduling problem could be avoided if everyone was more willing to work together. "The league is an important source of income for professionals but the world circuit is where they earn their standing and reputation," he said.

RESULTS: Carlisle Cannons 4, Lyric Surbiton 0; Team Allsports 2, L and P Lambs 2; North Walsham 2, Stars and Stripes 2; GT Sports Abbeydale 1, Mosaic Priory 3. Positions: Cannons, 67pts; Leekes, 53; Lambs, 51; Allsports, 47;

BOXING

Mystified Murphy seeks rematch

By SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

EVEN as Gary de Roux was leaving the London Arena on Tuesday night, going back home to Peterborough with the British featherweight title, Sean Murphy, of St Albans, the deposed champion, was still standing dazed in his dressing-room.

He was not suffering from the left hook to the body that dropped him in the fifth round, but a "blow" from the referee, John Coyle. Murphy could not understand how Coyle could have counted him out. "I was all right," Murphy said. "My corner said 'stay down to six' and when I stood up, the referee said it was all over."

Murphy's trainer, Ernie Fossey, said: "We only got a count of eight. We should get a rematch."

At the time of the count, Coyle had his back to me, so it was not possible to see what he saw in Murphy's eyes when the champion got to his feet, but the count did seem a little quick, particularly as Murphy did not appear to be in serious trouble and had been hammering the daylights out of Le Roux

In view of the controversy and the option that Frank Warren, Murphy's manager, has on de Roux, a rematch seems most likely. There should be better crowd next time. The bout, if devoid of the finer points of boxing, was a tearaway affair from the first bell that left the crowd coarse and ringsiders breathless.

Coyle said: "It was absolutely fantastic. I handled Nigel Benn against Michael Watson, and although this fight wasn't watched by 7,000 people, it was nearly as good, close to the top of my league. I have officiated in 16 world title fights and none has been as good as this."

RESULTS: British featherweight championship: Gary De Roux (Peterborough) ko Sean Murphy (St Albans), 5th rnd. WBC International bantamweight championship (12 rnds): Donnie Hood (Glasgow) bt Virgilio Openio (Philippines), pts. Light-welter (8 rnds): Benny Collins (Yateley) bt Dave Lake (Herne Bay), rsc 4th rnd. Light-heavy (8 rnds): Nicky Piper (Cardiff) bt John Held (Neath), rsc 3rd rnd. Light-middle: Richard Okumu (Bristol) bt Kevin Sheeran (Crawley), rsc 2nd rnd.

In-form Richards to collect double

By MANDARIN
(MICHAEL PHILLIPS)

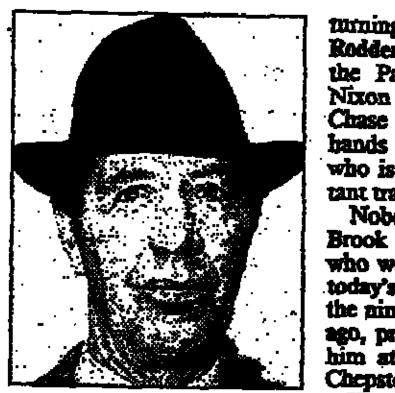
AS THE countdown to Cheltenham gathers pace, Abbot Of Furness can draw further attention to the current well-being of the Gordon Richards horses by winning the EBF Novices' Hurdle qualifier at Stratford today.

Considered by his handler to be too immature, even at the age of seven, to take part in this year's National Hunt festival, but a fine prospect in the making all the same, Abbot Of Furness has won three of his last four races, making virtually all the running each time.

So impressive was he at Kelso last time that he should prove extremely hard to catch around the sharp Stratford track today, even though he has been penalised to the hilt. His winning sequence was interrupted only when he failed to match the finishing speed of Royal Estimate at Ayr in January.

That defeat is all the more explicable since Royal Estimate has gone on to win two handicaps at Doncaster in the space of three days. Major Kinsman, who finished fourth behind Abbot Of Furness at Bangor early last month, should not be capable of reversing the form even on marginally better terms.

Moymet (4.45), also from the Richards stable, is another that I can give a chance to this afternoon.



Forster: fine chance for Fire At Will

Well that Strong Gold should go in the Alveston Novices' Chase following that quite promising run in the race won by his better-fancied stable companion Fifth Amendment at Windsor, I marginally prefer Fire At Will.

With the benefit of hindsight, this Tim Forster-trained eight-year-old was probably attempting the impossible at Chepstow last time out trying to give Formula One 6lb. Since then his conqueror has won again in style.

As far as the Pragnell Trophy is concerned, I like none better than Gala's Image, who was breathing down the necks of Sirrah Jay, Bold Lament and Romany King at Warwick recently.

For a sporting nap, I am turning to Wincanton where Rodden Brook is taken to win the Pat Ruthven and Guy Nixon Memorial Hunters' Chase in the experienced hands of Patrick McEwan, who is Peter Walwyn's assistant trainer.

Nobody knows Rodden Brook better than McEwan, who won a similar race over today's course and distance on the nine-year-old two seasons ago, prior to also scoring on him at Wolverhampton and Chepstow last season.

He suggests his horse should be spot on today following his third behind Teaplanter at Warwick last month, it is time to take notice even though his opposition includes those good horses of old, Contradeal and Bolands Cross.

Farmlea Boy, who was a creditable second to Gold Options at Kempton in January after winning three of his four previous races, can take the other race for amateurs, the Stewart Tory Memorial Trophy, over the course and distance where he was triumphant twice two seasons ago.

Finally, Go South, who has turned over a new leaf since he began racing on Lingfield's all-weather surface, looks capable of recording his fifth success there this season by landing the Bull Run Handicap Hurdle even though a 6lb-penalty has increased his burden to 12st 6lb six for winning a week ago.

Akehurst forced into returning to Epsom

REG Akehurst is leaving the lavish training complex at Whitcombe Manor in Dorset and returning to Epsom.

The trainer said yesterday that he was moving back because of the recession in the property market. He cannot sell his South Hatch stables and expects to complete the return by May.

The news comes the week before Akehurst saddles Cool Ground, second favourite for the Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup, for Whitcombe Manor's property developer owner, Peter Bolton.

Akehurst said: "It is very sad and regrettable. Things have gone really well since I moved down here a year ago. But I cannot sell my South Hatch stables, and with the economic situation as it is, I am going to have to move back."

He added: "There is absolutely no animosity between myself and Mr Bolton. Indeed, I hope we will still see a lot of each other, as long as he keeps buying the champagne."

No announcement has been made about a successor, but one of the terms of the agreement of release from the original three-year contract is that Akehurst helps Bolton find another trainer to take his place.

So far this season, Akehurst has saddled 31 winners, and he has high hopes that Cool Ground will lift the Gold Cup next Thursday.

"I shall certainly miss the old horse, and if the ground is on the soft side of good next week, then I think we have a tremendous chance."

South Hatch will now come off the market, and Akehurst expects to be back training with 60-70 horses. This means that the trainer's son John, who has saddled eight winners this season from the Epsom base, will have to find new premises.

Treble Chance to shine in Times event

TREBLE Chance, who has already qualified for a place in *The Times* Championship final at Towcester on May 24 by his second to Meryett at the North Herefordshire point-to-point, is an entry for another *Times* qualifier at today's Vale of Clettwr meeting (Brian Beel writes).

John Llewellyn's mount looks the pick of the field which could include Wonder Willett, Gunmetal Boy and Craig Lass.

In the members' race, the first of seven on the card, Our Boreen appears to be the one they all have to beat.

● The South Herefordshire called off its meeting yesterday when it was found that vehicles could not act on the going in the car park. The meeting will now be held on March 11.

TODAY'S MEETING: Vale of Clettwr, Erw Lon, 10 miles north of Carmarthen, (first race, 12.0).

Bit Of A Clown books Sun Alliance place

BIT Of A Clown booked his place in next Wednesday's Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham when winning bravely capturing the Richmond Maiden Chase at Catterick Bridge yesterday.

It was touch and go whether he lined up for the race at all, according to his trainer Tockie McKie. "He trod on a stone and was lame early this morning," she said. "Our vet, Andrew Hicks, made the five-and-a-half hour trip here and with special preparations made our horse fit for racing by placing a special pad in his hoof."

Mrs McKie, who trains 21 horses at her Twyford base, is still to saddle her first festival winner and Bit Of A Clown will be joined next week by M I Babe (County Hurdle) and One More Knight (Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle).

Peter Niven injured his jaw in a crashing fall on York Imperial and had to go to hospital for X-rays.

● Beech Road has been cut to 9-1 (from 10-1) by Hills for next Tuesday's Champion Hurdle after sustained support yesterday.

Curley launches IRO scheme

By GEORGE RAE

BARNEY Curley, the trainer and gambler, yesterday launched the Independent Racing Organisation (IRO) designed, he declared: "To attract the best brains in racing and get the whole industry cleaned up."

This was Curley in his barnstorming element, warming to some favourite themes: criticism of Satellite Information Services, lack of voice for punters, the acute weakness of the on-course betting market, dissatisfaction with racing's authorities and the need to improve racecourse facilities.

The IRO (annual membership £25 single, £40 joint), Curley affirmed: "Is the only chance racing has. The industry must present a united front and this organisation can provide a focus towards that end."

For their subscription members will be entitled to, among other advantages, discount admission to racecourses, other sporting events and theatres, a betting advisory service and family racing trips.

Yet despite Curley's passion and worthiness of many of his aims, his line in solutions was less convincing. Apart from dispatching three anonymous men "to monitor the SIS service over the next seven days," positive moves were thin on the ground.

Curley, however, was not in the mood to let up. "I'm confident that as an organisation we can bring all sides in racing together," he said, "and if I was betting on it I'd be offering long odds on that happening."

You have to admire his vision but, at the same time, suspect he would have few takers at that price."

STRATFORD

Selections

By Mandarin
2.15 Goadby Venture.
2.45 Fire At Will.
3.15 Gala's Image.
3.45 John Sam.
4.15 Abbot Of Furness.
4.45 Moymet.

By Thunderer
2.15 Coxann.
2.45 Fire At Will.
3.15 Red Rondo.
3.45 John Sam.
4.15 Abbot Of Furness.
4.45 KITCHI KOO (nap).

By Michael Seely
2.45 Strong Gold. 4.45 Moymet.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.15 GOADBY VENTURE.

Brian Beel's selection: 3.45 Nearly Handy.

Going: soft **SIS**

2.15 STUDLEY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,949: 2m) (14 runners)

1 8R1432 COXANN 33 (B,CD,S) (T Hart) J McConnochie 5-11-10 J Shortt 95
2 360F10 AIOLI 8 (C,G) (R Brazington) R Brazington 5-11-7 Mr C Farrell (7) 88
3 104-23R MISS CHALK 8 (CD,BF,S) (A Mater) M Pipe 5-11-6 — 93
4 2054 NDITA 14 (S Bennett) R Hodges 5-11-2 G McCourt 90
5 0083-P1 PONTEVECCHIO BELLA 8 (B,D,S) (F Brown) R Juckes 5-11-2 (7ex) A Juckes (5) 87
6 U43225 BUCKLAND HAZE 31 (J Doran) P Cowley 5-11-1 S Cowley 93
7 000 KID LEWIS 41 (A Samuel) Mrs A Knight 4-10-9 G Knight —
8 402-0F0 MUSICAL MOMENTS 44 (B) (R Gathercole) J Roberts 5-10-8 A Mulholland 96
9 65202P TRIBUTE TO DAD 31 (D Winle) D Winle 4-10-7 — 95
10 F00506 PUNKIE 24 (Mrs Y Allsop) R Dickin 5-10-6 — 90
11 864020 BAYBEEJAY 43 (A Taylor) R Brotherton 4-10-6 R Bellamy (3) 90
12 P00 GOADBY VENTURE 12 (B Nathanson) Miss S Wilton 4-10-6 S Davies (3) ● 99
13 54-244P MAPLE HAYES 182 (V Guy) Mrs A Knight 5-10-4 — 96
14 F000PP TRUSS 42 (A Leighton) A Leighton 4-10-1 W Morris 92

BETTING: 3-1 Miss Chalk, 4-1 Coxann, 9-2 Aioli, 5-1 Pontevecchio Bella, 6-1 Goadby Venture, 8-1 Tribute To Dad, Buckland Haze, 14-1 Ndita, 20-1 others.

1990: WARM WINTER 4-10-11 R Goldstein (3-1 fav) R Curtis 14 ran

FORM FOCUS COXANN 16½l 3rd to Arthurs Stone in a claimer at Leicester (2m, soft) on penultimate start. AIOLI beat COXANN (1lb better off) ½l in a seller here (2m 6f, good) on penultimate start. MISS CHALK 14l 3rd to Pocketed at Lingfield (2m, soft) on penultimate start. NDITA 33l 4th to Slick Cherry in a claimer at Wincanton (2m, good). PONTEVECCHIO BELLA beat Honey Saint 2l in a seller at Plumpton (2m, good to soft), where MISS CHALK refused to race. BUCKLAND HAZE 11l 5th to Hallborough in a claimer at Southwell (AW, 2m 4f, standard), with TRIBUTE TO DAD behind when pulled up before 2 out. GOADBY VENTURE never nearer 24l 6th of 13 to Lady Remainder in a claimer over course and distance (good to soft). Open to improvement.
Selection: GOADBY VENTURE

2.45 ALVESTON NOVICES CHASE (£2,900: 3m 2f) (14 runners)

1 2/5-3U12 FIRE AT WILL 44 (S) (Mrs J Cotton) T Forster 8-11-7 J Railton ● 99
2 60-41F4 JUST MICK 7 (F) (Mrs H Dowson) Mrs H Dowson 10-11-7 W Humphreys 95
3 6F-12F INDIAN CRUISE 82 (BF,F) (Lord Grimston of Westbury) N Henderson 8-11-2 J White 96
4 3-50344 CELTIC TRUST 43 (S) (Mrs P Starkey) J McConnochie 8-11-1 J Shortt 96
5 5-P000U DRESS UP 8 (C Shadbolt) N Ayliffe 7-11-1 S Foster (7) —
6 0F GOLDEN GUY 17 (I Adair) R Curtis 7-11-1 D Morris —
7 F0P-0PP MONASTIC CALM 9 (A Bray) P Davis 7-11-1 — —
8 0/P00 PARTY TIME AGAIN 14 (Mrs M Hartop) J Webber 7-11-1 M Lynch —
9 QUEST FOR SUCCESS (Brian J Lewis) J Mackie 7-11-1 S J O'Neill —
10 60/0-P RUGGED DUAL 44 (Mrs J Alford) A J Wilson 10-11-1 A Webb —
11 03F01-5 STRONG GOLD 10 (B,F,S) (Mrs S Robins) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-1 M Pitman 97
12 3/120-4 TIS FRANK AGAIN 8 (G) (W O'Neill) O Murray Smith 9-11-1 G Bradley 54
13 000-U LARKSMORE 36 (Miss D Baker) Miss D Baker 8-10-10 T Wall —
14 P RAPIDS RUN 83 (Mrs E Collinson) J Collinson 9-10-10 R Bellamy (3) —

BETTING: 9-4 Fire At Will, 3-1 Strong Gold, 4-1 Indian Cruise, 9-2 Tis Frank Again, 12-1 others.

1990: JOHN'S BIRTHDAY 8-11-1 J White (6-4 fav) N Henderson 15 ran

FORM FOCUS FIRE AT WILL 5l 2nd to Formula One at Chepstow (3m, soft), with RUGGED DUAL pulled up before 12 out. Previously beat Celtic Original a neck in a handicap at Warwick (3m 1f, good to soft). JUST MICK 11l 4th to Another Cruise at Ludlow (2m 4f, good to firm). Beat Ronans Birthday a short head in a handicap at Ludlow (3m, good to firm) in December, with INDIAN CRUISE (17lb better off) a close 3rd when fell 3 out. INDIAN CRUISE beat Bara Peg ¾l at Wincanton (2m 5f, firm) in November. CELTIC TRUST 27l 4th to General Highway at Wolverhampton (3m 1f, good), with JUST MICK (2lb worse off) pulled up before 5 out. STRONG GOLD weakened 5 out when 19½l 6th to Fifth Ammendment on chasing debut at Windsor (3m 5f, good to soft). Beat The Shiner 10l in a handicap hurdle at Chepstow (2m, good to firm) last April and is open to plenty of improvement. TIS FRANK AGAIN, fair hurdler, staying-on 22½l 4th to Windey Ways on Nottingham (2m 6f, good) chasing debut. Trip should suit.
Selection: FIRE AT WILL

3.15 PRAGNELL TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,784: 2m) (5 runners)

1 F52-434 GALA'S IMAGE 15 (D,F,G,S) (B Thackray) J McConnochie 11-11-13 J Shortt ● 99
2 1PF115 RED RONDO 58 (D,BF,F,G) (J Pantlin) J Edwards 7-11-11 N Williamson 94
3 1/31124 WIDE BOY 41 (CD,F,S) (M Popham) P Bailey 9-11-8 Mr E Bailey (7) 89
4 30/314 KNOCKENNIS 12 (CD,F,G) (B Lewis) R Lee 8-10-12 W McFarland 96
5 23/F44 FARE LOVE 38 (D,F,G) (Mrs S Evans) Mrs S Johnson 12-10-2 — 98

BETTING: 2-1 Red Rondo, 11-4 Knockennis, 3-1 Gala's Image, 5-1 Wide Boy, 10-1 Fare Love.

1990: HOW NOW 9-11-2 M Pitman (9-2) Mrs J Pitman 11 ran

FORM FOCUS GALA'S IMAGE 5½l 4th to Sirrah Jay at Warwick (2m 4f, good to soft). Previously 22l 3rd to Honeybeer Mead at Wincanton (3m 1f, good). RED RONDO weakened 2 out when 26½l 5th to Bold Monk at Wolverhampton (2m 4f, good to soft). Previously much better form when making all to beat Indian Minor 12l at Wolverhampton (2m, good to firm). WIDE BOY one-paced 11½l 4th to Fu's Lady at Wincanton (2m, good). Beat Go West 25l in an amateurs' race over course and distance (good to soft) in December. KNOCKENNIS, disappointing last time out, beat Setter Country 7l over course and distance (good) last month. FARE LOVE 23½l 4th to Tribute To Youth at Nottingham (2m, good).
Selection: RED RONDO

3.45 JOHN AND NIGEL THORNE MEMORIAL CUP HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,779: 3m 2f) (7 runners)

1 /304/P3 AHERLOW 13 (G,S) (K Hollowell) K Hollowell 11-12-0 K Hollowell (7) ● 99
2 41/PPU-P BLOODHOUND 10 (D,F) (Mrs J French) Mrs J French 12-12-0 Mrs S French —
3 /01325- JOHN SAM 278 (D,F,S) (G Penfold) G Penfold 10-12-0 Miss P Curling (7) 96
4 NEARLY HANDY (R Hill) Richard J Hill 11-12-0 Miss M Hill (7) —
5 U42/6-00 PEACH LEAF 3 (N Pewter) N Pewter 10-12-0 G Pewter (7) 79
6 1/34- POLITICAL JUDGE 330 (D,F) (D Robinson) D Robinson 10-12-0 D Robinson (7) 88
7 22-PB41 THAMES TRADER 143 (D,F,S) (D Cornelius) D Cornelius 10-12-0 Miss M Cornelius (7) 75

BETTING: 6-4 Aherlow, 9-4 John Sam, 5-1 Thames Trader, 8-1 Political Judge, 12-1 Peach Leaf, 20-1 Nearly Handy, 33-1 Bloodhound.

1990: FUDGE DELIGHT 11-11-8 R Goodall (9-4) R Goodall 8 ran

FORM FOCUS AHERLOW 3l 3rd to Lean Ar Aghaidh at Kempton (3m, good). JOHN SAM weakened quickly from 3 out when 50½l 5th to Mystic Music over course and distance (good to firm). Put up a better effort previously when 8l 2nd to Sanballat at Worcester (3m, good to soft). NEARLY HANDY 24l 3rd to Smokin' Anna in a point-to-point at Hedge (3m, good to soft) last month. POLITICAL JUDGE fair 12l 2nd to Oh Why at Nottingham (2m 6f, firm) on first of two starts last season. THAMES TRADER pushed out to beat Toukshad 20l at Fontwell (3m 2f 110yd, firm).
Selection: AHERLOW

4.15 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,231: 2m) (17 runners)

1 2-21211 ABBOT OF FURNESS 13 (D,S) (Lord Cavendish) G Richards 7-11-10 N Doughty ● 99
2 0 EIGHTY EIGHT 78 (Mrs H Dowson) Mrs H Dowson 6-11-0 W Humphreys —
3 LIKE YOU KNOW (D Shorey) Mrs H Parrott 6-11-0 D Leahy (7) —
4 LUMUMBA DAYS (H Taylor) Mrs I McKie 5-11-0 A Webb —
5 F4 MAJOR KINSMAN 34 (M Fairbrother) R Lee 6-11-0 W McFarland 85
6 MONTY'S GIFT (C Nimmo) J Pickering 7-11-0 D Dennis (7) —
7 0 RAGTIME COWBOY JOE 41 (Heatheron Stables Ltd) C Brooks 6-11-0 G Bradley —
8 5 SKIP LOADER 17 (H Burford) R Dickin 5-11-0 — —
9 0 STORMY SAGA 41 (B McReynolds) Mrs A King 6-11-0 T Morgan —
10 00 SUPERIOR FINISH 106 (Drawact Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0 M Pitman 89
11 46 VAZON EXPRESS 61 (R Perkins) P Dalton 5-11-0 J J Quinn —
12 0 CALL ME DAISY 12 (R Healy-Fenton) J McConnochie 5-10-9 J Shortt —
13 0/ KATIES KAPER 601 (Mrs S Harraway) C Jones 7-10-9 V Slattery (7) —
14 NUN SILLIER (R Denny) T Forster 5-10-9 J Railton —
15 PINATA (Mrs S Robins) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-9 — —
16 TAKE THE VEIL (D Stoddart) N Gaselee 5-10-9 A Adams —
17 WOODGRADE LASS (Woodgrade Ltd) N Ayliffe 5-10-9 S Foster (7) —

BETTING: 8-13 Abbot Of Furness, 4-1 Pinata, 10-1 Take The Veil, 12-1 Rag Time Cowboy Joe, 14-1 Major Kinsman, 16-1 Superior Finish, 20-1 others.

1990: SOUND OF ISLAY 5-11-0 H Davies (33-1) T Forster 17 ran

FORM FOCUS ABBOT OF FURNESS easily beat Vestal Hills 12l at Kelso (2m 2f, soft). Previously similarly impressive when beating Fast Cruise 25l at Bangor (2m, soft), with MAJOR KINSMAN (4lb better off) 9l 4th. RAGTIME COWBOY JOE weakened 4f out when 43l 8th to Hawthorn Blaze in a National Hunt flat race at Doncaster (2m 150yd, good), with STORMY SAGA (same terms) a poor 16th. SKIP LOADER never nearer 25l 5th to Nut Tree in a National Hunt flat race at Southwell (AW, 2m, standard). SUPERIOR FINISH never dangerous 12l 8th to Shirkouk at Leicester (2m, soft). TAKE THE VEIL half-sister by Monksfield to winning chasers Crack A Joke and Spin Again.
Selection: ABBOT OF FURNESS

4.45 IDLICOTE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,272: 2m 6f) (17 runners)

1 63/F6-0 WACKERS MAGIC 10 (Miss S Bowerman) R Hollinshead 7-12-0 Gary Lyons (3) —
2 R1112 MISS EUROLINK 36 (BF,G,S) (Eurolink Computer Services) M Pipe 4-11-10 M Foster (7) 92
3 /6-1306 GROTIUS 8 (B) (Travail Employment Group Ltd) G Ham 7-11-6 R Bellamy 89
4 000FP4 MISS WRENSBOROUGH 8 (S) (A Clapperton) D Gandolfo 6-11-3 P Barnard (3) 88
5 0040 MOYMET 15 (F Baxter) G Richards 5-11-1 N Doughty 91
6 0P2-0F5 KITCHI KOO 8 (Mrs M Wilson) A J Wilson 7-10-12 C Maude (3) 98
7 00/4-0 MERCURY MOON 40 (J Watson) Mrs J Croft 6-10-10 W Humphreys —
8 6R002/6- QUAYSIDE BUOY 531 (J Needham) J Needham 8-10-9 J Shortt 89
9 10-0U0 BALLYNICK 33 (F) (Mrs E Roberts) N Henderson 7-10-6 J White 86
10 F6-0P44 HOLT PLACE 12 (E Smith) N Smith 6-10-4 W Irvine 91
11 P630 PLACID LAD 35 (T Stubbings) J Webber 4-10-3 M Lynch ● 99
12 50625-5 CAPTAIN MANNERING 9 (M Byrne) L Codd 6-10-3 F Murtagh (7) 88
13 06/00-06 ANNIE DE POMME 10 (Mrs J Chadwick) N Twiston-Davies 7-10-0 S Cowley 81
14 25-2050 FRAMPTON HOUSE 21 (A Wright) M Charles 9-10-0 D Bridgwater (7) 85
15 60/000P RAGGYMAN 9 (A Wilkins) J McConnochie 7-10-0 — —
16 264-P45 NUNS LITTLE ONE 7 (Mrs C Williams) J Bradley 6-10-0 — 86
17 P/0P0P/ JESTELLE 736 (D Denny) Mrs S Minns 8-10-0 T Cranley (7) —

Long handicap: Annie De Pomme 9-8, Frampton House 9-8, Raggyman 9-5, Nuns Little One 9-0, Jestelle 8-13.

BETTING: 7-2 Miss Eurolink, 4-1 Moymet, 9-2 Kitchi Koo, 5-1 Miss Wrensborough, 6-1 Captain Mannering, 8-1 Placid Lad, 12-1 Quayside Buoy, 16-1 Holt Place, 25-1 others.

1990: AUK EYE 6-11-2 A Charlton (7-2 fav) K White 19 ran

FORM FOCUS MISS EUROLINK 2l 2nd to Legal Beagle at Plumpton (2m, good). Previously completed treble in selling company when beating Mecado 5l at Chepstow (2m, soft). MISS WRENSBOROUGH hampered last when 8l 4th to Battle Drum at Nottingham (2m 6f, good to soft), with KITCHI KOO (same terms) 2¾l 5th and RAGGYMAN tailed off when pulled up before 2 out. MOYMET 16l 4th to Royal Estimate on penultimate start at Ayr (2m, good). HOLT PLACE 22l 4th to Jodami at Doncaster (2m 4f, good). PLACID LAD 12l 3rd to Prime Display on penultimate start at Leicester (2m, soft).
Selection: MOYMET (nap)

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
G Richards	9	22	40.9	N Doughty	6	10	60.0
R Brazington	3	10	30.0	T Morgan	10	28	35.7
N Henderson	21	76	27.6	G Bradley	3	11	27.3
C Brooks	6	22	27.3	J Shortt	6	31	19.4
R Curtis	3	11	27.3	J White	11	59	18.6
J Edwards	16	62	25.8	G McCourt	15	82	18.3

● The Queen's filly Church Missionary heads a four-strong British raid at Cagnes-sur-Mer today. Trained by Lord Huntingdon, Church Missionary (Guy Guignard) faces six rivals in the Prix des Glaieuls while Alex Scott's Run For Nick (Bruce Raymond) is fancied for the Prix des Tubereuses.

LINGFIELD PARK

Selections

By Mandarin
2.10 Puff Puff. 2.40 Sporting Idol. 3.10 Grey Sonata. 3.40 Go South. 4.10 Sing The Blues. 4.40 Skittle Alley.

By Thunderer
2.10 Abu Muslab. 2.40 Sporting Idol. 3.10 Groomsman. 3.40 Go South. 4.10 New Arrangement. 4.40 Skittle Alley.

Going: standard **SIS**

2.10 VICKSBURG NOVICES HURDLE (£1,836: 2m) (14 runners)

1 3602 ABU MUSLAB 14 (D,F) G Edwards 7-11-11 —
2 61 STORM FREE 8 (CD) L Cottrell 5-11-11 S McNeill
3 3U/ OMAANEE 847 P Clarke 9-11-4 I Shoemark (3)
4 0/0 LONDON STANDARD 8 P Mitchell 6-11-4 D Murphy
5 0 PANDY 60 G Thorner 5-11-4 I Lawrence
6 00 RIVER REEF 10 M Muggeridge 5-11-4 —
7 P SOUND OF VICTORY 10 Miss P O'Connor 6-11-4 M Head (5)
8 63 TRES REOS 24 (B) Mrs S Oliver 7-11-4 Jacqui Oliver
9 66- MERALTO 547 H Willis 5-10-13 D O'Sullivan (5)
10 PUFF PUFF 16F Miss B Sanders 5-10-13 Dale McKeown
11 33 BOLD MERIT 15 B McMath 4-10-10 A Carroll
12 FORTAN PRINCE 128F T Thomson Jones 4-10-10 S Smith Eccles
13 840 MODERN JAZZ 14 C C Elsey 4-10-10 M Perrett
14 MAYFAIR MAIDEN G Ripley 4-10-5 G Moore

11-4 Storm Free, 3-1 Abu Muslab, 5-1 Tres Reos, 6-1 London Standard, 8-1 Bold Merit, 10-1 Fortan Prince, 12-1 others.

2.40 SUMTER CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,792: 2m) (12)

1 421 WINDATUM 19 (G) Mrs N Macauley 6-11-0 Mr S Wynne (7)
2 3111 SPORTING IDOL 7 (CD) C Popham 6-10-12 S Donohoe (7)
3 UE2U HELLENIC PRINCE 7 (H,CD) J Pearce 5-10-11 J McLaughlin
4 0P MY SPARKLING RING 119 M Usher 5-10-10 NON-RUNNER
5 P602 DURZI 8 C C Elsey 6-10-7 —
6 00 MERSEYSIDE MAN 12F J Scargill 5-10-7 J Driscoll (7)
7 2342 FASHION PRINCESS 132 (F) Mrs A Knight 5-10-6 NON-RUNNER
8 P400 HARKEN PREMIER 8 (B) J Jenkins 6-10-5 R Dunwoody
9 80P/ JETMORE 1038 (B,S) H Willis 7-10-5 D O'Sullivan (5)
10 P KAPOOKA 10 G Gracey 6-10-5 R Beggan
11 P630 SHERO'S PET 21 (B) Mrs J Wonnacott 5-10-5 —
12 00/ JEALOUS LOVER 182F P Makin 7-10-0 D Gallagher

4-7 Sporting Idol, 100-30 Hellenic Prince, 5-1 Windatum, 8-1 Harken Premier, 10-1 Durzi, 12-1 others.

3.10 COUNTRY WARMTH HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,702: 2m 4f) (6)

1 41 GROOMSMAN 14 (C) G Gracey 5-12-0 R Beggan
2 4280 SOLSTICE BELL 112 (B,D,F) R Voorspuy 9-11-8 R Dunwoody
3 4006 MANHATTAN BOY 8 (F,G,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 9-11-5 I Shoemark (3)
4 0-80 FERNANDO 7 (B) B Smart 7-10-10 I Lawrence
5 P080 CAZAUDEHORE 33 M Robinson 6-10-7 S Smith Eccles
6 0833 GREY SONATA 7 (F) C Popham 4-10-5 S Donohoe (7)

7-4 Groomsman, 9-4 Manhattan Boy, 4-1 Solstice Bell, 6-1 Grey Sonata, 8-1 Fernando, 10-1 Cazaudehore.

3.40 BULL RUN HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,733: 3m) (7)

1 2121 GO SOUTH 7 (B,CD,F) J Jenkins 7-12-6 (6ex) M Ahern (3)
2 3266 SQUIRE JIM 70 (F) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-9 C Llewellyn
3 1322 WICK POUND 14 (B,C) J Old 5-10-9 R Dunwoody
4 P412 PUKI PUKI 14 (B,C) Mrs F Walwyn 7-10-2 K Mooney
5 6421 POMATUM 7 (C,F) J Bosley 6-10-1 (6ex) A Carroll
6 3843 ORANGEY 9 Mrs L Clay 7-10-0 S McNeill
7 2P-P AREN'T WE ALL 33 G Edwards 12-10-0 —

13-8 Go South, 7-2 Wick Pound, 4-1 Puki Puki, 5-1 Squire Jim, 8-1 Pomatum, 14-1 Orangey, 20-1 Aren't We All.

4.10 GETTYSBURG HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,935: 2m) (7)

1 1110 NEW ARRANGEMENT 8 (B,C,D,G) J Jenkins 5-12-0 R Dunwoody
2 DIAMOND WAY G Ripley 5-12-0 G Moore
3 3303 SHU FLY 36 (CD,F,G) Mrs S Oliver 7-11-13 Jacqui Oliver
4 1132 SING THE BLUES 8 (CD) C Benstead 7-11-4 Dale McKeown
5 811/ SAND-DOLLAR 18F (D,F,G) J Old 8-10-13 S McNeill
6 2451 EARLY BREEZE 7 (C,D,F) M McCourt 5-10-0 (7ex) D Gallagher
7 2-84 LAVA FALLS 19 (D,F) M Banks 5-10-0 M Perrett

2-1 Early Breeze, 100-30 New Arrangement, 4-1 Shu Fly, 6-1 Sing The Blues, 8-1 Lava Falls, 10-1 others.

4.40 ATLANTA NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,572: 1m 5f) (6)

1 34- SKITTLE ALLEY 277 (BF) S Mellor 5-11-8 Mr D Gray
2 6 TERRIFORN 8 J Bridger 5-11-3 —
3 DROP THE BOTTLE H Willis 5-11-3 D O'Sullivan (5)
4 URBAN COWBOY C James 4-11-0 M Head (5)
5 BEACHLEY R Howells 4-10-8 P Johnson (7)
6 SNOWDRIFTER M Tompkins 4-10-8 T Kent (7)

6-4 Skittle Alley, 3-1 Snowdrifter, 5-1 Terriforn, 8-1 Drop The Bottle, 10-1 Urban Cowboy, 12-1 Beachley.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: M McCourt, 5 winners from 7 runners, 71.4%; C Benstead, 7 from 11, 63.6%; T Thomson Jones, 5 from 12, 41.7%; Miss B Sanders, 10 from 28, 35.7%; M Tompkins, 6 from 17, 35.3%; J Old, 3 from 10, 30.0%.

JOCKEYS: K Mooney, 3 winners from 8 rides, 37.5%; Dale McKeown, 21 from 58, 36.2%; S Smith Eccles, 6 from 17, 35.2%; S Donohoe, 3 from 9, 33.3%; M Perrett, 3 from 11, 27.3%; M Ahern, 9 from 36, 25.0%.

Catterick results

oing: good to soft

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, Skelator (W Fry, 4-1); . Applianceofscience (7-4 fav); 3, Le ...queur (25-1). 21 ran. 2½l, 8l. T Tate. Tote: 5.10; £1.70, £1.30, £8.70. DF: £4.50. SF: £10.12.

2.45 (3m 1f 80yd ch) 1, Bit Of A Clown (J ...uggan, 5-4 fav; Mandarin & Michael ...ely's nap); 2, Carousel Crossett (16-1); Sukaab (8-1). 13 ran. 1½l, 25l. Mrs I ...cKie. Tote: £2.30; £1.50, £4.30, £1.80. F: £30.00. CSF: £20.32.

3.15 (2m hdle) 1, Caxton (M Dwyer, 15-8 ...v); 2, Pic Negre (9-2); 3, Whitewebb (33-... . 9 ran. NR: Pago. 12l, ¾l. G Moore. ...te: £2.60; £1.40, £1.60, £5.70. DF: ...80. CSF: £10.50. Bought in 3,200gns.

3.45 (3m 1f 80yd ch) 1, Sanstom (L Wyer, ...-2); 2, See You There (3-1); 3, The ...aldin (9-4 fav). 5 ran. 15l, 12l. M H ...sterby. Tote: £5.40; £1.70, £1.30. DF: ...60. CSF: £19.43.

4.15 (2m hdle) 1, Prince Bishop (A Heywood, 10-1); 2, Mega Blue (13-2); 3, Dawsam (9-1). Sassy Bonne Evens fav. 11ran. 8l, 1½l. N Miller. Tote: £13.00; £2.50, £2.20, £2.40. DF: £42.30. CSF: £70.12.

4.45 (3m 1f 80yd ch) 1, First Shadow (Mr S Lyons, 7-2); 2, The Undergraduate (20-1); 3, Convincing (9-1 fav). 12 ran. NR: Arctic Paddy. 2l, 6l. M Hammond. Tote: £3.20; £1.70, £3.40, £1.20. DF: £9.90. CSF: £69.30.

5.15 (2m flat) 1, Piper O'Drummond (Gary Lyons, 5-2); 2, Big Mac (17-2); 3, Tavernaroo (9-4 fav). 12 ran. NR: Singing Sam, Deep Chance. 6l, 8l. P Calver. Tote: £3.50; £1.20, £1.70, £1.50. DF: £18.50. CSF: £23.57.

Placepot: £12.50.

Folkestone

Going: soft (chase course); good to soft, heavy in front of stands (hurdles)

2.0 (2m 100yd hdle) 1, Derab (J Osborne, Evens fav); 2, Tremaircion (8-1); 3, Society Guest (7-4). 7 ran. 12l, 30l. S Sherwood. Tote: £2.30; £1.30, £1.90. DF: £7.00. CSF: £7.32.

2.30 (2m 5f hdle) 1, Bally Frenchman (J Kavanagh, 11-2); 2, Longghurst (10-1); 3, Pop Dancer (12-1); 4, Stormwatch (10-1). Bickerstaffe 7-2 fav. 18 ran. NR: Torkaber, Stone Madness. 1½l, 15l. A Davison. Tote: £5.00; £1.70, £1.70, £3.30, £5.80. DF: £10.30. CSF: £58.83. Tricast: £682.74. Winner bought in for 2,400gns.

3.0 (3m 2f ch) 1, Tudor Sun (50-1); 2, Heart Of Kings (14-1). The Milroy 6-5 fav. 9 ran (Only two finished). 30l. J Bennett. Tote: £167.00; £26.60, £2.20. DF (winner or second with any other horse): £4.10. CSF: £495.31. Dual Forecast.

3.30 (3m 2f ch) 1, Dunmivan Royal (D Morris, 9-4 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Judgment Day (13-2); 3, Pernickety (33-1). 14 ran. 1½l, 30l. R Curtis. Tote: £3.20; £1.60, £3.40, £13.90. DF: £12.70. CSF: £19.08. Tricast: £372.00.

4.0 (2m ch) 1, Solent Lad (M Stevens, 6-1); 2, Skylark Wonder (11-4); 3, High Imp (9-2). Terienne Evens fav. 4 ran. NR: Around Town. 8l, ¾l. B Stevens. Tote: £9.80; £7.20. DF: £4.80. CSF: £19.28.

4.30 (2m 100yd hdle) 1, Jaliago (R Guest, 20-1); 2, Ambrose (7-2); 3, Hawaiian Romance (50-1). Shades Of Peace 2-1 fav. 11 ran. NR: Bell Glass. 10l, 10l. P Makin. Tote: £38.80; £5.90, £2.40, £5.40. DF: £221.50. CSF: £88.41.

Placepot not won. (Pool of £2,831.10 carried forward to Wincanton today).

Southwell

Going: standard (hdles); good to soft (ch)

1.55 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Red Columbia (T Wall, 20-1); 2, Wise Cracker (20-1); 3, Scale Model (10-1). Cannes 2-1 fav. 11 ran. NR: Brockhill Boy. 3½l, 8l. K Wingrove. Tote: £43.90; £10.50, £5.60, £1.40. DF: £207.30. CSF: £293.29. Tricast: £3760.03.

2.25 (2m hdle) 1, Mexican Vision (R Campbell, 6-1); 2, Dru Ri's Bru Ri (9-1); 3, Straight Laced (4-1). Curvet 7-2 fav. 11 ran. 2½l, ½l. I Campbell. Tote: £4.80; £2.40, £1.70, £2.30. DF: £8.80. CSF: £52.02. Tricast: £215.27.

3.5 (2m hdle) 1, Ichi Ban San (S Turner, 25-1); 2, Muldr (Evens fav); 3, Wedding Feast (9-1). 7 ran. NR: Crisp Note. 1½l, 8l. A Smith. Tote: £12.00; £2.60, £1.50. DF: £5.80. CSF: £48.93. Tricast: £95.00.

3.35 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Valiant Dash (C Quinn, 10-11 fav); 2, Invite d'Honneur (10-1); 3, Silver Strings (6-1). 6 ran. Nk, 2½l. S Kettlewell. Tote: £2.20; £1.20, £4.30. DF: £13.70. CSF: £9.53.

4.5 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Jane Craig (P Scudamore, 11-8 fav); 2, Stakeswere Prince (4-1); 3, Royal Cavalier (20-1). 7 ran. NR: Rajanpour. 25l, 25l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £2.40; £1.30, £2.00. DF: £2.80. CSF: £8.63.

4.35 (2m hdle) 1, Clos Du Bois (Mr S Wynne, 6-4 fav); 2, Hiram B Birdbath (9-4); 3, Leacroft (7-4). 3 ran. 3½l, 10l. Mrs N Macauley. Tote: £2.20. DF: £1.80. CSF: £4.36.

Placepot: £719.80.

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WINCANTON

Selections

By Mandarin
2.00 Duncan Idaho.
2.30 Farmlea Boy.
3.00 Tom Clapton.
3.30 Sea Island.
4.00 RODDEN BROOK (nap).
4.30 Parson's Thorns.
5.00 Rastannora.

By Thunderer
2.00 Blake's Progress.
2.30 Farmlea Boy.
3.00 Tom Clapton.
3.30 Sea Island.
4.00 Bolands Cross.
4.30 Parson's Thorns.
5.00 Ragtime Solo.

Michael Seely's selection: 4.30 Parson's Thorns.

Brian Beel's selection: 4.00 Ballyneety.

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good **SIS**

2.0 SEAVINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,249: 2m 6f) (13 runners)

1 401611 DUNCAN IDAHO 12 (D,G,S) (G Doble) R Callow 6-12-0 M A Fitzgerald (7) 91
2 61362P NICK THE DREAMER 12 (F,S) (Somerset & Dorset Ltd) W G M Turner 6-11-11 B Clifford (7) 90
3 6-438F5 PENALTY DOUBLE 85 (C,F,G) (N Gardner) C Brooks 7-11-7 B de Haan 91
4 21421-6 SHALCHLO BOY 14 (F,G) (S Burfield) R Hodges 7-11-5 A Tory ● 99
5 3-12P20 SHASTON 44 (B,CD,F,S) (Kavanagh Roofing Ltd) W G M Turner 6-11-4 J Neaves (7) 97
6 /F34/0B MR OPTIMIST 12 (S) (Miss T White) Miss T White 10-11-0 L Harvey —
7 3-00014 BLAKE'S PROGRESS 17 (B,BF,F) (D Few) M Pipe 5-10-12 P Scudamore 90
8 1/0000U CHATTY FELLOW 34 (F,S) (T Waddington (UK) Ltd) G Balding 8-10-9 R Guest —
9 /0/540 SAINT ACTON 47 (D,G,S) (R Davis) C Barwell 10-10-7 A Charlton 95
10 01/FFUP SEVEN OF DIAMONDS 44 (CD,G) (T Keeping) D Elsworth 6-10-5 P Holley —
11 FP0U53 SHAH'S CHOICE 12 (F,S) (A Siddmore) C Popham 8-10-4 S Powell 82
12 053300 BETWEEN THE SHEETS 38 (F) (P Tory) N Mitchell 8-10-4 D Skyrme (3) 87
13 1/F-F0U0 RIVER BED 14 (G) (R Padgham) J Edwards 7-10-0 D Tegg —

Long handicap: River Bed 9-11.

BETTING: 5-2 Duncan Idaho, 4-1 Blake's Progress, 6-1 Shaston, 13-2 Shalchlo Boy, 8-1 Penalty Double, Seven Of Diamonds, 11-1 Nick The Dreamer, 14-1 Shah's Choice, 20-1 others.

1990: MIRAMAC 9-10-5 J Frost (10-1) R Frost 14 ran

2.30 STEWART TORY MEMORIAL TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £3,184: 2m 5f) (16 runners)

1 1-12U5P OKEETEE 17 (F,G,S) (Mrs G Black) C Brooks 8-12-0 J Durkan (5) 90
2 141112 FARMLEA BOY 47 (CD,F,G,S) (R Lavelle) G Balding 11-11-12 S Mullins (5) 98
3 F53/14- CHATSBY 367 (D,G,S) (T Nixon) T Forster 10-10-9 R Farrant (7) 88
4 P43133 SOCKS DOWNE 14 (CD,G,S) (C Cowley) J King 12-10-7 J Rees (7) 98
5 3P2F-4P BEACONSIDE 165 (B,F) (J Payne) J Payne 14-10-6 R Payne (7) 90
6 41F-25P THE HUMBLE TILLER 78 (D,G,S) N Henderson 8-10-4 G Johnson Houghton (7) 95
7 014/502 OUT OF STOCK 12 (S) (Mrs M Fairbairn) R Hodges 8-10-0 T Piper (7) ● 99
8 130223 BEECH PARK 81 (CD,BF,F) (J Morris) D Nicholson 7-10-0 M Rimell (7) 95
9 23443P- CASH CRISIS 324 (F) (C Strawbridge) A Barrow 11-10-0 A Farrant (7) 80
10 4/25/ MORAL VICTORY 1165 (C Hamblin) G Balding 10-10-0 C Hamblin (7) —
11 1/1/P-04 MR SEAGULL 41 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs S Hembrow) Mrs S Hembrow 13-10-0 P Hyde (7) 84
12 25/422-0 TORRE TRADER 9 (G) (N Lake) D Barons 8-10-0 R Darke (7) 81
13 0/1243P LEVANT WAY 8 (F) (D Mutton) R Frost 11-10-0 N Moore (7) 73
14 33-1233 THE FRUIT 42 (F) (R Ledger) R Ledger 12-10-0 Mrs N Ledger (7) 78
15 /PP/UR DANISH PAUPER 14 (B Scriven) B Scriven 10-10-0 L Jefford (7) —
16 PUPPUP DUNCLIFFE DANCER 41 (B) (Mrs M Cox) N Thomson 10-10-0 P Bond (7) —

Long handicap: Out Of Stock 9-8, Beech Park 9-8, Cash Crisis 9-5, Moral Victory 9-5, Mr Seagull 9-0, Torre Trader 8-12, Levant Way 8-12, The Fruit 8-10, Danish Pauper 8-7, Duncliffe Dancer 8-7.

BETTING: 9-4 Farmlea Boy, 11-2 Out Of Stock, 7-1 Socks Downe, 8-1 Chatsby, Okeetee, 10-1 The Humble Tiller, 14-1 Beech Park, 16-1 others.

1990: KITTINGER 9-11-9 Mr G Upson (4-1) A Turnell 9 ran

3.0 SPARKFORD NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,822: 2m) (11 runners)

1 311 TOM CLAPTON 21 (D) (Pipe Scudamore Racing Plc) M Pipe 11-9 P Scudamore ● 99
2 064 FIGHTING SUN 38 (Lime Street Racing Syndicate) R Akehurst 11-4 L Harvey 91
3 COMMANCHERO 227F (J Mursell) R Hodges 11-0 A Tory —
4 EDEN'S DAWN 498F (Mrs N Dutfield) Mrs P Dutfield 11-0 N Dawe —
5 ISIPINGO 316F (N Spreadbury) M Pipe 11-0 J Lower —
6 POST CODE (Mrs C Crompton) D R Tucker 11-0 N Coleman —
7 05 TARTAR'S BOW 48 (W Reid) R Holder 11-0 — 87
8 020 SILVIE 12 (Kingsley Holidays Ltd) J Baker 10-13 S Burrough (5) 95
9 0005 OUR VISION 12 (B) (T Lang) R Holder 10-10 — 87
10 100 SWINGTIME BELLE 180 (D,F) (L Wedge) Miss J Blakeney 10-10 S Curran (7) 73
11 033 RELIEF MAP 59 (R Andrews) K Bishop 10-3 R Greene (5) 89

BETTING: 8-11 Tom Clapton, 3-1 Fighting Sun, 13-2 Tartar's Bow, 12-1 Silvie, 14-1 Isipingo, Our Vision, 16-1 others.

1990: WHITE RIVER 10-5 P Barnard (11-4) D Haydn Jones 16 ran

3.30 FORKE FARM MARES ONLY NOVICES CHASE (£2,467: 2m) (8 runners)

1 P0PF-F8 BORDER CHERRY 66 (T Bailey) T Bailey 7-11-3 — —
2 243-00P CHIAFFA 8 (H Horler) Miss C Horler 9-11-3 R Chapman —
3 0P/PP FREE EXPRESSION 42 (Mrs J Brooks) Mrs E Brooks 6-11-3 P Richards —
4 20-3503 RARE LUCK 38 (F) (Mrs D Hammerson) P Jones 8-11-3 M Richards 82
5 424000 RECORD FLIGHT 8 (F,S) (F Crumpler) G Ham 7-11-3 S Powell —
6 000/PPU REGANTO 38 (Lt Col E Stocker) R Hodges 7-11-3 A Tory —
7 F2/4/52 SEA ISLAND 17 (G,S) (R Warren) M Pipe 7-11-3 P Scudamore ● 99
8 P000 ELECTRESS 45 (B) (Lt Col W Whetherly) A Turnell 5-10-9 M Bosley —

BETTING: 8-13 Sea Island, 9-4 Record Flight, 6-1 Rare Luck, 10-1 Electress, 14-1 Chiaffa, 16-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

4.0 PAT RUTHVEN AND GUY NIXON MEMORIAL HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £2,532: 3m 1f) (13 runners)

1 3/42541- CONTRADEAL 286 (F,G,S) (Mrs A Barclay) Mrs A Barclay 14-12-7 J Durkan (5) ● 99
2 231P-54 ST WILLIAM 128 (F,G,S) (Mrs E Tucker) Mrs E Tucker 14-12-7 — 72
3 15/0F/F ANYTHING BETTER 6 (F,S) (R Fear) Ron Fear 8-12-0 A Foster (7) —
4 /3FB/16- BILBROOK 361 (S) (R Fear) R Fear 9-12-0 H Rowsell (7) 78
5 /26P4/5 BOLANDS CROSS 13 (CD,G,S) (P Newton) P Newton 12-12-0 P Tabizzo (7) 91
6 /05F/2/ EASTER LEE 667 (G) (A Hunt) A Hunt 11-12-0 P Hacking (3) —
7 6F100/ MUSIC MINSTREL 1067 (S) (R Barber) R Barber 8-12-0 J Farthing (7) —
8 5/0411/ NORSTOWN 684F (F,S) (Mrs A Sims) R Holder 9-12-0 — —
9 P13P-F3 RODDEN BROOK 15 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs H Tutte) Mrs H Tutte 9-12-0 P McEwan (7) 98
10 63231/ SHROPSHIRE LAD 1030 (F) (Mrs B Nicholls) Mrs B Nicholls 9-12-0 R Darke (7) —
11 41- SKERRY MEADOW 283 (G) (O Carter) O Carter 7-12-0 — 79
12 2/2- BALLYNEETY 296 (Mrs M Hartley) Mrs M Hartley 11-11-7 P Scholfield (7) 93
13 3- MR MACGROO 516 (Mrs P Wilkins) Mrs P Wilkins 11-11-7 A Griffith (7) —

BETTING: 3-1 Bolands Cross, 7-2 Contradeal, 6-1 Rodden Brook, 7-1 Bilbrook, 8-1 Ballyneety, 10-1 Norstown, 12-1 Anything Better, Skerry Meadow, 14-1 others.

1990: WELLINGTON BROWN 8-11-3 Mr H Rowsell (9-2) J Vail 18 ran

4.30 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,530: 2m) (21 runners)

1 41 PARSON'S THORNS 56 (CD,G) (G Nock) C Brooks 6-11-10 P Scudamore ● 99
2 8 BOLD ARTIST 75 (S Jones) W G M Turner 5-11-0 — —
3 40 CONSTRUCTION KING 69 (Allen & Whitehead Ltd) R Dickin 5-11-0 D Meredith (7) 86
4 24 COOLE DODGER 42 (Mrs B Searle) G Ham 6-11-0 S Powell 87
5 00 KINDLED'S CLOWN 13 (Castle Farm Stud) Miss H Knight 5-11-0 B Dowling —
6 P MAJOR ELSTON 14 (Cleeve Racing) M Bolton 6-11-0 M Richards —
7 06 MAJOR LEAGUE 12 (Dr D Morris) Miss H Knight 5-11-0 J Duggan —
8 F4 PABREY 48 (S Mitchell) N Mitchell 5-11-0 D Skyrme (3) 72
9 POLYDEUCES (M Heygate-Browne) J King 5-11-0 J Kavanagh (3) —
10 0 PUNKY KNAVE 14 (Mrs C Paterson) W G M Turner 5-11-0 J Neaves (7) —
11 0 READY OR NOT 88 (Pall-mall Partners) A Turnell 5-11-0 M Bosley —
12 P/06 SENNA BLUE 34 (R Pugh) R Pugh 6-11-0 C Smith 81
13 0-0 THE BUTLER 19 (N Rimington) W G M Turner 5-11-0 S Earle —
14 0/4-8642 THE SHY CONTROLLER 19 (B) (M Bateman) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-0 M Bowlby 98
15 50/0000 TRIUMPHANT CHIEF 13 (A Darlington) A J Wilson 6-11-0 L Harvey —
16 00 WELLINGTON BAY 19 (C Fayers) R Hodges 5-11-0 A Tory —
17 0/43-000 CASSCA 9 (R Short) N Thomson 6-10-9 P Holley 97
18 5 DAVES DELIGHT 42 (Miss S Waterman) Miss S Waterman 5-10-9 Miss S Waterman —
19 00 PRIM AND PROPER 58 (Miss L Davis) C Popham 5-10-9 B Clifford (7) —
20 5-003 WADSWICK LADY 71 (Mrs M Barton) R Barton 6-10-9 R Guest 89
21 WILL SHE WONT SHE (G Roome) R Frost 5-10-9 J Frost —

BETTING: 11-8 Parson's Thorns, 4-1 Coole Dodger, 9-2 The Shy Controller, 8-1 Daves Delight, 12-1 Kindled's Clown, 14-1 Wadswick Lady, 16-1 others.

1990: FIFTH AMENDMENT 5-11-10 B de Haan (10-11 fav) Mrs J Pitman 21 ran

5.0 BROADSTONE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,321: 2m) (19 runners)

1 F-00401 RASTANNORA 8 (D,F,S) (Fairford Wholesale Ltd) M Pipe 5-11-11 (6ex) — 98
2 115/53- STERLING SILVER 392 (D,G,S) (J Davis) J Baker 9-11-10 S Burrough (5) 94
3 22135 ACCESS SUN 43 (D,BF,F) (M McBride) J King 4-11-6 J Kavanagh (3) 87
4 02500P/ MUSIC WONDER 678 (CD,S) (E Carnell) N Mitchell 10-10-12 D Skyrme (3) —
5 023F-0F RAGTIME SOLO 100 (D,S) (P Harris) R Hodges 7-10-11 A Tory 87
6 P11294 LYPH 36 (D,F,G) (G Angell) P Hedger 5-10-10 R Guest 98
7 PP2312- OASIS 283 (D,F) (S Burfield) K Bishop 5-10-10 S Earle ● 99
8 4FU6P/5 FLYING CHERUB 121 (D,F,S) (Mrs J Retter) Mrs J Retter 10-10-9 S Powell 97
9 40881-F WESTERN DIVIDE 54 (D,F) (P Perrett) J Perrett 6-10-8 M Kinane 95
10 220-PP5 LASTING MEMORY 21 (D,F) (B Burnard) R Frost 5-10-8 J Frost 90
11 23P044 RECIDIVIST 41 (D,F) (Mrs S Perry) R Hodges 5-10-7 T Thompson (7) 91
12 10/6FP0 PRINCE MERANDI 41 (D,S) (S Bell) Mrs L Clay 8-10-7 M Richards 85
13 0-0P005 STAR OF KUWAIT 9 (B,F) (Mrs M Cox) N Thomson 7-10-7 P Holley —
14 001-300 FAR OUT 75 (D,S) (L Phipps) T Bailey 5-10-6 S Dowling 86
15 0F304P- ARBITRAGE 300 (D,G,S) (D Bay) B Forsey 10-10-6 N Coleman 83
16 000P4-0 GARDA'S GOLD 201 (CD,BF,S) (G Brown) R Dickin 8-10-5 Martin Jones (3) —
17 /8/2-F00 LUCAYAN GOLD 41 (H Ellis) K Bishop 7-10-4 R Greene (5) 84
18 PF-03P0 CRISP NOTE 41 (M Cornish) J Old 7-10-0 T Grantham 82
19 065-000 NORTHERN HALO 14 (B,D,F) (N Moore) G Ham 10-10-0 M A Fitzgerald (7) —

Long handicap: Crisp Note 9-11, Northern Halo 9-5.

BETTING: 7-4 Rastannora, 11-2 Sterling Silver, 6-1 Access Sun, 8-1 Lyph, 10-1 Flying Cherub, 12-1 Ragtime Solo, Recidivist, 14-1 Oasis, 16-1 others.

1990: SUMPTIOUS BOY 6-10-0 A Webb (5-1) A J Wilson 22 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Mrs J Pitman	25	86	29.1	J Lower	8	35	22.9
M Pipe	26	119	21.8	P Scudamore	25	125	20.0
D Nicholson	18	84	21.4	B de Haan	13	69	18.8
D Elsworth	34	164	20.7	J Frost	14	87	16.1
C Brooks	4	20	20.0	M Bowlby	5	36	13.9
J Edwards	4	25	16.0	M Kinane	3	28	10.7

Christie in mood to tame the dragon

From DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT
SEVILLE

JAMAICA breeds fast people like it breeds fast bowlers. In one glorious six-week harvest 31 years ago it gave us Merlene Ottey and Linford Christie. The next year Grace Jackson and Ben Johnson came along.

Age has not yet caught up with Christie or Ottey; nor, this season, have Johnson or Katrin Krabbe. At the world indoor championships here from tomorrow to Sunday, Christie and Ottey possess overwhelming potential to achieve sprint doubles, gold medals at 60 and 200 metres. Ottey especially.

Krabbe, despite the attention her three European victories last summer afforded her, is still some distance from being the world's fastest woman. German unification has changed her life but not everything. She is making money but not much headway on Ottey's supremacy.

Ottey still wears the lipstick in the house of women's sprinting, cutting a figure as magnificent as Krabbe's and moving it a mite faster. After her world record for 200 metres indoors on Sunday, Ottey is half-expected to break the 60 metres record this weekend. Make that three-quarters expected.

For Christie, the devil will not be there but the dragon will. Leroy Burrell — "I was made to look like the devil," he said of the hype that prefaced his defeat of Christie at RAF Cosford last month — is resting. His 60 metres world record is enough for one winter. Christie, then, will be the first of the big three — himself, Burrell or Carl Lewis — to race Johnson since his suspension for taking drugs.

While the Canadian-Jamaican was away, the British-Jamaican said that nothing, other than winning an outdoor world medal, was more important than beating Johnson.

"To whip Ben is my No. 2 priority," Christie said. "If Ben comes back and regains the No. 1 position without any of the rest running against him, the sport will suffer. When I face him it will be like George and the Dragon, good against bad."

The dragon has begun to breathe fire again. Of eight races since his return, Johnson has won five, none suggesting he might challenge Christie until his win in Sindelfingen, Germany, on Sunday. "I hope I can win the gold medal," he said, now with some evidence, a 6.58sec clocking, that he just might. Christie's last three races have been 6.55sec, 6.57sec and 6.55sec.

Anyone suggesting to Christie that he may now be too old to become No. 1 risks the sword of George through his heart.

Expletives removed, he raged on Sunday, after beating Andre Cason, an American contender for Seville: "I am running well, I am going to be the best in the world." That cannot be proved in the next four days because a 60 metres without Burrell and a 200 metres without Michael Johnson or John Regis tells us nothing.

What we do know is that this indoor season has been important enough to make both men edgy. Johnson, like Christie, has been embroiled in arguments. At the Canadian championships he accused his fellow sprinters, Bruny Surin and Atlee Mahorn, of false-starting on purpose to throw him off his race.

For a world title worthy of the name, now turn to the women's 60 metres: Ottey, Krabbe and the new girl on the blocks, Irina Sergeyeva. We know little about Sergeyeva, except that she comes from the Soviet Union, is aged 22 and shares a birthday with Krabbe. They are going to be sharing podiums, too, over the coming seasons if Sergeyeva's 7.03sec, faster than both Ottey and Krabbe this winter, recorded in Volgograd is genuine.

Sergeyeva ran to within 0.02sec of Ottey in Seville last week, which is about as close as anyone has come in the last two years.

Like Christie, Ottey was a late developer, waiting until she was aged 29 before making it to No. 1. "I've woken up all the fast-twitch fibre which for 10 years I never used that much," Ottey, now living in Italy, said.

Enough fast-twitch to have six 200 metres times quicker than Krabbe's best last summer. If Christie fails to become the oldest sprinter to win a world or Olympic title over the next two summers, Ottey, as sure as Jamaica loves cricket, will.

FORM GUIDE TO THE SPRINTS IN SEVILLE

Linford Christie (GB)
Age: 30.
Events: 60m, 200m.

Trying to become the first man to achieve a world indoor sprint double; has won his last three 60m in fast times, 6.55sec, 6.56, 6.55, and, though beaten by John Regis over 200 metres in Ghent last week, ran 20.60 as lead-leg runner in Britain's 4 x 200m world record on Sunday.

Vitaly Savin (USSR)
Age: 25.
Event: 60m.

Included only because of 6.49sec credited to him out of Moscow last month; if ratified, will remove the European record of 6.51 shared by Christie and Woronin. Hard to believe it is genuine, though; Savin was not among the world's top 100m runners last year and failed to reach European 60 metres final.

Ben Johnson (Can)
Age: 29.
Event: 60m.

Running his first international championship since disqualification from the 1988 Olympics for drug-taking. After a slow start, performances have picked up. Discounting a faulty mechanical timing of 6.49, his last three races have been progressively quicker, 6.65, 6.61, 6.58.

Others to watch

60m: Andre Cason (US, aged 22): led Christie to 57 metres in Glasgow on Sunday; best this season of 6.58. **Chidi Imoh** (Nigeria, aged 27): ran Christie close with season's best of 6.57 in Seville last week. **Andrés Simón** (Cuba, aged 29): defending champion; best of 6.58 this season. **Lee McRae** (US, aged 25): world record holder for four years at 6.50 until Burrell's 6.48 last month; best of 6.63 this season. **Michael Rosswess** (GB, aged 25): fifth in last world championships, two years ago; best of 6.53 this season. **200m: Nikolay Antonov** (Bul, aged 22): ran Michael Johnson close with 20.62 in Lievin in January. **Ade Mafe** (GB, aged 24): silver medal in 1989 world championships; best of 20.94sec this season; member of Britain's world-record breaking 4 x 200 metres relay team last Sunday. **Sandro Floris** (It, aged 25): European champion; best of 20.97 this season.

Women

Merlene Ottey (Jam)
Age: 30.
Event: 60m, 200m.

World's fastest woman in 100 and 200m last year; recorded fastest-ever one-day double (10.93sec/21.66); world indoor 200 metres champion; set world record 22.24 on Sunday; unbeaten for two years with several victories over Krabbe last summer; has run 7.04 for 60 metres this season, 0.04sec outside Cooman's world record.

Katrin Krabbe (Ger)
Age: 21.
Event: 60m.

European gold medals in 100, 200 and 4 x 100m relay last summer, but world-ranked second to Ottey in both; ran 7.06 three weeks ago, but withdrew, unwell, from Sindelfingen meeting last weekend. German federation on Tuesday confirmed her recovery.

Irina Sergeyeva (USSR)
Age: 22.
Event: 60m, 200m.

Has made exciting progress this winter to head 60m rankings (7.03) this year after being ranked fourth last winter (7.13); second to Ottey in 200m (22.59) ahead of Breuer.

Grit Breuer (Ger)
Age: 19.
Event: 200m.

Provided she does not switch to 400m, should be Ottey's closest challenger; is capable of better than the 22.77 to her credit this season.

Others to watch

60m: Michelle Finn (US, aged 25): her 7.16 this year makes her a medal prospect. **Gwen Torrence** (US, aged 25): second to Cooman in last world indoor championships; 7.17 this season. **Nelli Cooman** (Neth, aged 26): defending champion but no significant form this season. **200m: Grace Jackson** (Jam, aged 29): no recent form, but a medal contender if she runs.

BADMINTON

Top trio to miss Olympic Games

By RICHARD EATON

THREE of the leading England players — Nick Ponting and Dave Wright, the No. 1 men's doubles pair, and Joanne Muggeridge, the joint No. 1 woman — have been removed from the British Olympic squad by their former international colleague, Steve Baddeley, who is now the manager.

Baddeley, who retired after winning the European title 11 months ago and took charge of the Olympic squad last autumn, has taken the disciplinary measures in consultation with Lee Jae Bok, the Korean who is now British Olympic and English national coach.

"Joanne is not putting in the commitment required from someone who wants to make the Olympics," Baddeley said. "Without making a full effort, she will not reach her full potential, which we want all players to do.

"With Nick and Dave, it was similar but slightly different. It was a question of unsatisfactory attendance and practice, especially in the case of Dave. I am disappointed but I hope it is temporary."

Baddeley plans to talk to all three players during next week's All-England championships at Wembley. If there are signs of improvement in the months ahead, he could consider returning any of the players to the squad.

RUGBY UNION

Harriman revels in torrent of chances

By DAVID HANDS

East Midlands **34**
Barbarians **46**

TWO years ago Andrew Harriman had a dismal game for the Barbarians in the Mobbs Memorial match at Northampton. Yesterday, seventy years after the first memorial match was played, the Harlequins wing was the main beneficiary of a fluid performance as the invitation club added to its centenary celebrations in victory by five goals and four tries to four goals, a try and two penalty goals.

In 1989 Harriman, capped earlier in the season, was returning from a severe knee injury and lacked fitness and confidence. Now he is enjoying his rugby once more; he stepped lithely through tackles and round opponents on the way to three of the nine Barbarian tries.

Their success also helped raise to £7,000 the total for youth rugby in England promised by Scottish Amicable, whose sponsorship of the Barbarians' centenary includes £50 a point scored in all matches.

Their scoring came in lustrous patches on a slippery playing surface. East Midlands scored first, they came back to lead 22-16 at the interval after the Barbarians scored 16 points in as many minutes, and they were as willing as their illustrious counterparts to attack. The back row, all from Northampton, was involved in everything and the presence of Wayne Shelford was enough to inspire the tight forwards.

There was less loose possession for the Barbarians than they might have wished, but David Evans and Mark Ring enjoyed what came their way. Evans, the Cardiff stand-off half, was in exciting form and one of the best moments of the match was his 50-metre run and a precise chip to the try-line for the mighty Kimmins. The Orrell lock was only denied by the intervention of Key and a tiny knock-on.

But the capacity crowd enjoyed the two first-half tries scored by Glanvill and the fifty-metre sprint by Ward which looked to have climaxed the match. But the Barbarians, and especially Ring were not to be denied: Kimmins sent Harriman flowing out of his own 22, Evans joined in and Carter surged to the posts, leaving Ring to back-heel the conversion, but just under the bar.

SCORERS: East Midlands: Tries: Glanvill (2), Gabriel, Newman, Ward. Conversions: Finnie (4). Penalties: Finnie (2). Barbarians: Tries: Harriman (3), Clarke (2), Carter (2), Evans, O'Riordan. Conversions: Murphy (4), Evans.

EAST MIDLANDS: A Key (Leicester); B Ward (Northampton), C Glanvill (Bedford), S Glover (Bedford), A Banes (Towcestrians); A Finnie (Bedford), B Gabriel (Nottingham); V Pocklington (Northampton), D Frankland (Rugby), L Mansell (Bedford), P Alston (Northampton), D Newman (Northampton), M Upex (Bedford), P Pask (Northampton), W Shelford (Northampton, capt).

BARBARIANS: K Murphy (Constitution and Ireland); A Harriman (Harlequins and England), M Ring (Cardiff and Wales, capt), W Reichwald (Sheffield), E Davis (Harlequins); D Evans (Cardiff and Wales), C Bridges (Neath and Wales); J Fitzgerald (Young Munster), J O'Riordan (Constitution), P Burnell (London Scottish and Scotland), A Carter (Newport and Wales), R Kimmins (Orrell), P Arnold (Swansea and Wales), P O'Hara (Sunday's Well and Ireland), B Clarke (Saracens).

Referee: D Templeton (Ulster).

Benazzi will give France a robust physical presence

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE French selectors sprang a surprise yesterday when they restored Abdelatif Benazzi to the national side for the deciding game of the five nations' championship against England at Twickenham on March 16. Benazzi, the Moroccan-born No. 8 who plays for Agen, is one of two changes to the team which beat Wales 36-3 at the weekend.

The second change was enforced after Jean-Francois Gourragne, the Beziers lock, underwent an operation on a broken thumb on Tuesday. His absence means a recall for Michel Tachdjian, the chef from Racing Club de France, who played against Scotland and Ireland before being dropped against Wales.

Benazzi, who has also played flanker and lock and takes the place occupied against Wales by Christophe Deslandes, has had a chequered international career. He was sent off on tour last summer, in the first international against Australia, and his unrestrained play has been evident on other occasions — including the French club championship final last May when Agen were beaten by Racing Club.

He played against New Zealand last autumn but a doubt about his eligibility for the French World Cup squad (he appeared for Morocco against Belgium in a qualifying game) led to his omission for the five nations' championship. However, he played in Rome last weekend in the French A team which beat Italy 15-9.

The addition of Benazzi and Tachdjian suggests that the French are concerned less with winning lineout ball than with disrupting England in that area and offering a robust physical presence about the field.

"We realise we will have to show more application up front if we are to test the English," Jean Trillo, the French assistant coach, said and Daniel Dubroca, his senior colleague, added: "Against Wales we were allowed to get away with a lot of things that will be impossible against England. We know we won't win as much ball as against the Welsh, so we'll just have to make optimum use of possession."

There is no place in the French back division for Patrice Lagisquet, the Bayonne wing. The knee he injured against Ireland is not mended and Philippe Saint-Andre, a try-scorer against Wales, retains his place.

Scotland, too, have made one voluntary and one enforced change in their team to play Ireland at Murrayfield, also on March 16. Alex Moore, the Edinburgh Academicals wing, has withdrawn with a viral infection and Iwan Tukalo (Selkirk) plays his first international, but his 24th in all, since the tour of New Zealand last June.

Duncan Paterson, Scotland's selection convenor, said Tukalo had been pushing Moore close all season. "Iwan was disappointed after losing his place following the first international match in New Zealand but reacted positively by working harder," he said. "At the Scotland squad weekend at St Andrews he showed himself to be very fit and produced exceptional times in the sprint tests."

In the front row the contest between John Allan and Kenny Milne continues. Milne, from Heriot's FP, was preferred against France, then gave way to Allan against Wales, only for the Edinburgh Academicals hooker to spring a rib cartilage in that match. Milne was restored for the Calcutta Cup match with England but Allan, fit once more, will play against Ireland, with Milne reverting to the replacements.

Ireland delay selection until tonight because both their coaches, Ciaran Fitzgerald and Johnny Moloney, were engaged on business trips abroad this week and were unable to discuss team business on Tuesday night.

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

FRANCE (v England): S Blanco (Biarritz, captain); J-B Lafond (Racing Club), P Sella (Agen), F Mesnel (Racing Club), P Saint-Andre (Montferrand); D Camberabero (Beziers), P Berbizier (Agen); G Lascube (Agen), P Marocco (Montferrand), P Ondarts (Biarritz), X Blond (Racing Club), M Tachdjian (Racing Club), O Roumat (Dax), L Cabannes (Racing Club), A Benazzi (Agen). Replacements: E Bonneval (Toulouse), T Lacroix (Dax), H Sanz (Narbonne), C Deslandes (Racing Club), M Cecillon (Bourgoin), P Gimbert (Begles-Bordeaux).

SCOTLAND (v Ireland): A G Hastings (Watsonians); A G Stanger (Hawick), S Hastings (Watsonians), S R P Lineen (Boroughmuir), I Tukalo (Selkirk); C M Chalmers (Melrose), G Armstrong (Jed-Forest); D M B Sole (Edinburgh Academicals, captain), J Allan (Edinburgh Academicals), A P Burnell (London Scottish), C A Gray (Nottingham), D F Cronin (Bath), D J Turnbull (Hawick), D B White (London Scottish), J Jeffrey (Kelso). Replacements: P W Dods (Gala), D S Wyllie (Stewart's Melville FP), G H Oliver (Hawick), G R Marshall (Selkirk), D Milne (Heriot's FP), K S Milne (Heriot's FP).

World Cup attracts additional sponsors

THE organisers of the World Cup are expected to announce in Cardiff today additional sponsors for the tournament in Britain, Ireland and France in October (David Hands writes). Reports yesterday suggested that Ricoh, the Japanese camera company, would be the first of a series of sponsors to go alongside H. J. Heinz UK, whose involvement was announced last year.

Although the tournament's commercial organisers would not confirm the report, Ricoh's involvement — particularly in Wales — would make sense given its involvement with the sponsorship of the Australian national side over the past three years. Australia are in the same group as the Welsh, along with Argentina and Western Samoa.

Nigel Redman, the England B lock, has been dropped for Bath's Courage league match with Wasps, the 1990 champions, on Saturday. Redman, one of three locks in the B squad from which the XV to play France on March 15 will be chosen, will miss the opportunity of playing against Sean O'Leary, who is also in the B squad.

Rob Lozwoski, the former England centre, makes his 200th first team appearance for Wasps. Steve Bates is scheduled for his first league match of the season after a knee operation but Damian Hopley (broken wrist), Richard Kinsey (severe bruising) and John Ellison (leg) are ruled out.

The centre threequarter, Jason Minshull, who flew home from New Zealand two weeks ago, plays his first match for Coventry for a year in the home Courage League second division tussle with Plymouth Albion on Saturday. The Coventry-born player is now home for good.

Gloucester, who have lost players to Northampton and Bedford this season, have now lost Damian Cummins, their Anglo-Scots centre, to Newport.

Cummins, whose recent form has been mixed, was overlooked in favour of Simon Morris in the league match against Northampton on Saturday and has decided a change of club would be beneficial. Newport recruited several players from Bath at the start of this season.

Millfield end Llandovery's late ambition

A HIGH-quality entry for the Christ College, Brecon, 450th anniversary international sevens saw Llandovery, strangely hesitant in their group matches, improve spectacularly to win through to the final yesterday, where they lost narrowly, 6-12, to Millfield.

The host school, Christ College, had looked sharp and effective throughout, but Millfield, orchestrated by their classy fly half, Dix, were too well organised defensively and held out in a keenly contested semi-final. Llandovery cruised through their semi-final against a weary Glantaf CS.

Llandovery dominated the opening exchanges of the final and led when Williams cut back inside to score with men clear outside him. Griffiths converted but a crucial dropped pass by Llandovery's Jones let in Dix who made ground to the line before passing inside to Wingfield-Digby for Dix to convert, levelling the score.

The crucial winning try followed a period of desperate attempts by Llandovery to break Millfield's defensive stranglehold. Finally, Heal scored from an overlap and Dix converted but the issue was in doubt until the final whistle. Matthew Evans dropped what should have been a scoring pass for Llandovery who were blotted out by the excellence of Millfield's tackling.

MILLFIELD: J Macey, Wingfield-Digby, R Dix, I Ward; B Pluskowski, J Moffatt, R Heal.

LLANDOVERY: G Bourne, R Davies, J Griffiths, D Williams; G Jones, M Evans, R Evans.

Referee: L Peard (WRU).

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HOCKEY

In control: Wight, the Exeter captain, considers his options yesterday at Reading

Bristol regain UAU crown

By SYDNEY FRISKIN

Bristol **2**
Exeter **1**

BRISTOL recovered their composure to defeat Exeter in the final of the Universities Athletic Union championship at Reading yesterday to regain the title they last won in 1963.

After gaining the upper hand, Exeter, whose last success was achieved in 1987, resorted too much to individual play. Bristol, on the other hand, acquired a better understanding in attack, helped by skilful support from midfield, led by Blan.

Exeter's early industry was rewarded in the 22nd minute, when Johnston put them ahead after a quick exchange of passes with Matton. Bristol, however, replied seven minutes later from a short corner that was well-struck by Waldock after the hit from the line was perfectly stopped.

The second half followed the same pattern as the first, with Exeter seizing the initiative and then yielding to sustained Bristol pressure. A succession of short corners to Bristol finally paid off in the 54th minute when the ball was switched to the left of the circle to the unmarked Richards, who went on to score.

Frantic efforts by Exeter to redress the balance were suppressed by the stubborn Bristol defence. Towards the end, Bristol nearly increased their lead, Davenport, a substitute, hitting over the top from a pass by Harradine.

BRISTOL: T Ree; A Waldock, A Wheeler, A Adgarabo, P Alexander, G Machin, R Harn (sub: W Scarlett), S Blan, J Hale (sub: J Davenport), A Richards, P Harradine.

EXETER: S Perris; D Bottle, R Houghton, W Johnston, M White, D Cross, C Middle (sub: G Hill), P Matton, D Alford, J Boyce, N Coleman.

Umpires: N Lockhart (Western Counties), D Lillywhite (Western Counties).

● Loughborough won the women's senior title for the fourth year in a row by defeating Birmingham 2-0 in the final. Fiona Mercer and Kate Swift scored in the last five minutes of the first half. Birmingham raised their game in the second half and were unlucky not to score.

RESULTS: UAU championship: Finals: Women: Second XI: Loughborough 2, Exeter 1. First XI: Loughborough 2, Birmingham 0. Men: Third XI: Loughborough 4, Exeter 3. Second XI: Loughborough 3, Durham 2. First XI: Bristol 2, Exeter 1.

MOTOR SPORT

Alen left in deficit to Sainz

LISBON (AFP) — Carlos Sainz, of Spain, got off to a perfect start to the Portuguese Rally here on Wednesday, powering his Toyota Celica to victory in the day's waterlogged first special stage.

The world champion, who won the prologue on Tuesday, covered the 9.6km circuit at Montejunto in 5min 13sec, one second clear of Markku Alen, of Finland, in a Subaru, and two clear of another Celica driven by Armin Schwarz, of Germany.

Rain had forced the race organisers to call off the day's first scheduled special at Gradil, and even the second was hit by the weather as cars slithered and slewed across the tarmac to the finishing line.

RESULTS: First stage: 1, C Sainz (Sp, Toyota Celica), 5min 13sec; 2, M Alen (Fin, Subaru), 5:14; 3, A Schwarz (Ger, Toyota Celica), 5:15; 4, D Auriol (Fr, Lancia Delta), 5:17; 5, M Biasion (It, Lancia Delta), 5:18; 6, H Mikkola (Fin, Mazda 323), 5:19; 7, F Delecour (Fr, Ford Sierra Cosworth), 5:21; 8, M Wilson (GB, Ford Sierra Cosworth), 5:22; equal 8, J Kankkunen (Fin, Lancia Delta), and M Duez (Bel, Toyota Celica) 5:23; 11, A Fiorio (It, Ford Sierra Cosworth), 5:26. Overall: 1, Sainz, 8:55; 2, Alen, at 1sec; 3, Auriol, 5; 4, Biasion, 6; 5, Schwarz, 7; 6, Mikkola, 10; 7, Kankkunen, 11; equal 8, Delecour and Duez, 13; 10, Wilson, 15.

TENNIS

Graf's record run nearing its end at last

BOCA RATON, Florida (AP) — The reign of Steffi Graf as the No. 1 women's tennis player is nearly over. Her record 186-week stay at the head of the field will end on Monday.

"At one stage, I was invincible," Graf, of Germany, said. "I was not even close to being beaten. I'm sure not happy about losing top place but I have no problems dealing with it."

Graf will fall to No. 2 even if she wins the Virginia Slims of Florida tournament this week. Monica Seles, of Yugoslavia, who is missing the event, will take over at No. 1 because her second-round defeat in the Boca Raton Raton tournament last year will no longer count in the computer rankings.

Graf, the No. 1 seed this week, advanced to the third round on Tuesday when her scheduled opponent, Cecilia Dahlman, of Sweden, had to default because of illness. Instead, she met Rennae Stubbs in a one-set exhibition and won 6-1.

"I know Rennae very well and we have a lot of fun," Graf said. "If you don't have to be serious, you enjoy it more."

Ranked No. 1 since August 17, 1987, Graf is trying to recover from a slump which began after she broke her right thumb in a skiing accident 13 months ago. She has not won a grand slam tournament after a sequence of winning eight out of nine. Her 66-match unbeaten streak — the second longest in history — ended last May.

BOWLS

Price calls up all her reserves of know-how

By GORDON ALLAN

DRAWING on all her reserves of experience, Mary Price, of Desborough, Maidenhead, won the Pedigree Films English women's singles championship for the second time — she won it in 1985 — when she beat Eileen Vigor, of Croydon, 21-18 at Lawson Park, Bedford yesterday.

As she did against Sharon Rickman in their semi-final 24 hours earlier, Price started slowly and was obliged to extricate herself from trouble near the finish. Vigor led 6-1 but Price went ahead and, at 12-10, scored four when Vigor dropped short three times. Vigor recovered, with a mixture of skill and good fortune, scoring two at each of the next four ends to lead 18-16.

Two singles brought Price level. On the 24th end, Vigor prodded in an opposition bowl, giving Price two, and, on the 25th, failed to dislodge Price's match-winning counters.

RESULTS: Singles: Semi-finals: E Vigor (Croydon) bt G Haney (Spalding), 21-20; M Price (Desborough, Maidenhead) bt S Rickman (King George, Tolworth), 21-20. Final: Price bt Vigor, 21-18. Fours: Final: Egham bt Rugby, 19-12. Pairs: First round: Essex County (W Barker, E Schooling) bt St Neots (S Lawson, M Osborne), 21-11; Croydon (E Bigor, T Barton) bt King George Tolworth (B Lee, J Cotton), 21-11; County Arts Norwich (M Ward, E Shorter) bt Barwell (J Aitchison, S Jones), 23-19; Grattons Crawley (P Rhodes, L Rolfe) bt Barking (K Bright, B Grinrod), 21-12; Cumbria (M Norris, E Trotter) bt Blackpool Newton Hall (M Mallinson, B Rawcliffe), 17-16.

CYCLING

Doubt on Herne Hill stops Easter meeting

By PETER BRYAN

THE Good Friday meeting, for more than 80 years Britain's traditional opener to the international track racing season at Herne Hill stadium, south London, has been cancelled.

The meeting, which would have marked the centenary of the 457 metre track, has been called off by the promoters, the Southern Counties Cycling Union (SCCU) because there is a question mark over the track's availability at Easter.

The leisure committee of Southwark borough council meets on March 18 to approve phase two of a refurbishment programme aimed at replacing the existing "bowl" — used for the 1948 London Olympics — with a smaller one of 400 metres.

"If the committee approves the plans, I understand that work would start immediately on pulling up the surface, leaving us without a venue," Graham Bristow, the SCCU meeting organiser, said yesterday.

A budget of £385,000, to include demolition as well as erection costs, will be jointly funded by Southwark and the Sports Council. If the remaining two phases of the three-phase project are approved, the track should reopen for racing in time for Easter 1992 but leaving London without a track for the remainder of this year.

FOOTBALL

Poor health forces Knowles to step down at Hartlepool

By Louise Taylor and Chris Moore

CYRIL Knowles was forced to step down as manager of Hartlepool United yesterday because of ill health. Alan Murray, chief executive of the fourth division club, is to take charge of team affairs on a temporary basis.

Knowles, aged 48, was admitted to Middlesbrough General Hospital last Friday after complaining to the club doctor of violent headaches and double vision. Specialists have kept him in after the results of a brain scan.

"I am waiting for the doctors to tell me what happens next," Knowles said. "It is all very confusing but there is a strong chance that I will not be back this season. I have a feeling I will not be back at all.

"But I think we have a chance of promotion and I hope the club gets the right man to help them."

Garry Gibson, the Hartlepool chairman, informed the players of the situation yesterday. "Telling the lads was very hard work," he said. "We are all stunned. It makes football seem so unimportant but we will appoint a caretaker until the end of the season or until Cyril returns, whichever is sooner."

Once regarded as perennial strugglers, and regular candidates for re-election, Hartlepool are presently ninth in the fourth divison and in strong contention for a play-off place.

A former full back with Middlesbrough, Tottenham Hotspur — where he inspired the song *Nice One, Cyril* — and England, Knowles joined Hartlepool in November 1989. He rescued them from almost certain relegation to the GM Vauxhall Conference.

This season, they have featured in the promotion race from the outset despite the sale of Don Hutchison, their brightest prospect, to Liverpool.

Previously, Knowles was in charge of Darlington, where he steered the team to a rare promotion to the third divison, and Torquay United, who he preserved from almost certain demotion to the Conference before taking them to the final of the Sherpa Van Trophy at Wembley in 1989.

Neil Warnock, the Notts County manager, last night issued a veiled threat to further his career elsewhere unless supporters prove that their commitment to the club matches his own.

Up to yesterday, County had sold only three-quarters of their allocation of 6,000 tickets for the televised FA Cup quarter-final with Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane on Sunday.

"There are 80 or so other clubs in the League who would gladly swap places with us and our supporters should appreciate that," Warnock said.

"I am ambitious about my job and want to manage in the first division. Right now, I'm happy at Meadow Lane, but what's happening at the moment will give me an idea about where my long-term future lies.

"We need 6,000 fans at Tottenham to cheer us on because the players are going into the lion's den. If they cannot rely on their own supporters to help them when we're only 180 minutes away from Wembley, it's a bad show.

"I will be more than a little disappointed if we do not sell our full allocation. I know that the tickets are expensive and that the game is on TV. But we should still be able to take our maximum support."

Luton are fearing relegation

RELEGATION is preying on the minds of Luton Town in the aftermath of their 3-0 first-division defeat at Manchester City on Tuesday (Louise Taylor writes). From City's viewpoint, the win preserves their hope, albeit slender, of qualifying for a place in the Uefa Cup next season.

In terms of local pride, victory was priceless as it moved the Maine Road side into fifth place, ahead of Manchester United. Two goals from Niall Quinn and another from Clive Allen ensured all three points against a Luton team which offered little more than token resistance.

Crystal Palace and **Norwich City** will start on level terms at Selhurst Park on March 19 when they play the second leg of their Zenith Data Systems southern area final. A goal volleyed by Geoff Thomas provided Palace with the lead in the first leg at Carrow Road on Tuesday before Tim Sherwood equalised, leaving both clubs still contemplating the prospect of a Wembley final.

Brentford and **Birmingham City** earned emphatic victories to reach the southern area final of the Leyland Daf Cup. Brentford won 3-0 at **Southend United** while Birmingham dispatched **Cambridge United**, the FA Cup quarter-finalists, 3-1.

The winners will almost certainly meet **Tranmere Rovers** at Wembley. Three goals from Ian Muir placed the holders of the trophy firmly in control in the northern area final first leg against **Preston North End**, who lost 4-0.

Darlington went four points clear at the head of the fourth division thanks to a 1-0 win at home to **Walsall** but second-placed **Northampton Town** were sunk 3-0 at **Scunthorpe United**.

Sixth-placed **Burnley** spurned a chance to move up the table by losing 2-1 at struggling **Chesterfield** while **Torquay United** went down 1-0 at home to **Lincoln City**. At the bottom, **Aldershot's** new chairman, Mike Gill-Anderson, watched his team defeat **Wrexham** 3-2 at the Recreation Ground.

West Ham show new-found spirit

By Louise Taylor

TALK of a crisis at West Ham United following their 2-2 second division draw at home with **Plymouth Argyle** on Tuesday night was probably more imagined than real.

Played on a paddy field of a pitch, contested by an Argyle side desperate for points, and with the West Ham players wanting to be fit to face Everton in the sixth round of the FA Cup at Upton Park on Monday, the real surprise was that the Londoners did not lose their first home match in almost 14 months under the management of Billy Bonds.

In the end, the second division leaders spurned a victory chance when George Parris missed an 88th minute penalty. Earlier in the second half Argyle had led 2-1 thanks to two headers from Robbie Turner, after Nicky Marker's own goal had provided West Ham with an 18th minute advantage.

Thirteen minutes from time Breacker's equaliser offered further evidence of West Ham's new-found resilience against teams of the awkward variety.

The draw leaves West Ham only three points ahead of Oldham Athletic, who have a game in hand, but with Bonds's team 14 points clear of Middlesbrough, who stand fourth, promotion seems almost assured.

Second divison sides thirsting for involvement in the promotion play-offs were also in action on Tuesday. **Wolverhampton Wanderers** rose to fifth players thanks to a 2-1 win at home to **Leicester City**, who are now third from bottom, with the goals supplied by Bull and Mutch.

Swindon Town continued to fail to live up to their pre-season billing as promotion favourites by managing no more than a 0-0 draw at home to **Oxford United**.

Bristol City moved up to eighth place — one position and one point short of the play-off zone — courtesy of a 1-0 win at home to **Bristol Rovers**.

Bower scores two for dominant Barnsley

By George Chesterton

THE English Schools Football Association Barclays under-19 competition is moving towards the final stages. Barnsley College, south Yorkshire, the holders, under their former name of **Barnsley Sixth Form College**, defeated **Wyke Sixth Form College**, Humberside 4-1.

Bower gave the final touch to an early goal for Barnsley but Wyke quickly equalised. The scores were still level at half time, thereafter Barnsley taking control. Bower scored again, Dale had the next and Moss struck home the last.

Millfield, Somerset, overwhelmed **Weymouth College**, Dorset, with a 9-1 victory. Millfield raced into an early lead and after 20 minutes were five up; although Millfield went to 8-0 Weymouth never gave up and thanks to Alex Brown, their England international, they pulled a goal back. Millfield scorers were: White (3), Ballinger, Kraft, Cox, Hussey, Clarke, one og.

Luton Sixth Form College, Bedfordshire, won 3-2 over **Weald Tertiary College**, Middlesex. Weald had a number of early chances but Beasley, Luton's right winger, was first to score after 25 minutes and it was he who put his side two ahead shortly after the interval. Newman reduced the deficit with a penalty only to see a soft own goal given away. Kelly scored for Weald in injury time, from a corner, but it was now too late.

Ten minutes into the second half, **Taunton's College**, Hampshire, scored the only goal of a closely contested match to put **Alleyn's**, of Inner London, out of the competition.

Powering through the Portuguese downpour

Sleek and swift: Alen on his way to second place in the first special stage of the Portuguese Rally. Report, page 34

YACHTING

A hero's welcome after slip

From Barry Pickthall
in Punta del Este

ALAIN Gautier was given a hero's welcome on reaching here in Uruguay shortly before 5.30 GMT yesterday to take the overall lead after the third stage of the BOC singlehanded round the world race.

The slight Frenchman might have saved a further 40 minutes on his nearest rivals, still more than 150 miles away yesterday, had he not missed a vital buoy in the dark, which marks the entrance to the harbour. By the time he had realised the mistake, his 60ft yacht, Generali Concorde, had crossed the line and was sitting with her sails furled ready to be towed into port. He was forced to rehoist the sails and complete the course correctly.

Gautier complained about the unusually light winds experienced during much of his route through the Roaring Forties and Screaming Sixty latitudes. Taking 24 days to reach Cape Horn from Sydney, his time was half a day slower than the record pace set by Philippe Jeantot, the race winner four years ago. "For four days I was covering less than 100 miles a day. That made me very nervous," he said on arrival.

Another nervous moment came when Gautier's yacht collided with a "growler", one of many large, but largely unseen chunks of ice to have broken away from an iceberg. Unlike the race leader, John Martin, who was forced to abandon his high-tech carbon-stiffed yacht after a similar collision, Generali Concorde's alloy construction absorbed the impact, the only signs being two deep dents in her hull.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 11.0 GMT yesterday, with miles to Punta del Este, Uruguay): Class 1: 1, Generali Concorde (A Gautier, Fr), 31 days 5hr 21min; Overall: 96:10.59; 2, Groupe Sceta (C Auguin, Fr), 158 miles (estimate); 3, Innkeeper (D Adams, Aus), 255; 4, Duracell (M Plant, US), 290; 5, Grinaker (B Reed, SA), 605; 6, Credit Agricole (P Jeantot, Fr), 637; 7, Jarkan (K Birtles, Aus), 639; 8, Alba Regia (N Fa, Hun), 663; 9, BBV Expo '92 (J Ugarte, Sp), 674; 10, Ecureuil PC (I Autissier, Fr), 704. Class 2: 1, Servant (Y Dupasquier, Fr), 733; 2, Project City Kids (J Boye, US), 1,155; 3, Buttercup (D McIntyre, Aus), 1,157; 4, New Spirit of Ipswich (J Hall, GB), 1,350; 5, Sebago (H Roth, US), 3,600. Corinthian class: 1, Volcano (P Thackaberry, US), 1,640; 2, Global Exposure (R Davis, GB), 1,965; 3, Shuusendohji (M Saito, Japan), 2,263.

CRICKET

Sri Lankan improvement is expected to continue

From Richard Streeton, in Colombo

SRI Lankan cricket has revealed an unsuspected strength in depth during recent weeks. Simultaneously, it has shared the honours in a Test match rubber with New Zealand and in an unofficial series at home with England A, who were also trounced in one-day matches.

The performances have delighted a country where enthusiasm for the game vies with that in West Indies and where it is seen as the best opportunity to make an impact on international sport.

Sri Lankans admit there is some way to go before they are as consistently effective overseas as at home and English conditions, in particular, will always provide a severe examination. Progress, though, is expected to continue to be made now that the worst of the political anarchy is over and that, the cricket authorities hope, touring teams will resume visits to the island.

England A has been the first representative side to tour Sri Lanka for four years. Test countries, inevitably, were reluctant to send sides after the killings which forced the New Zealanders to leave hurriedly in 1986-7. Sri Lankan teams at all levels continued to play abroad but the absence of visiting teams left a telling void in the domestic game.

As civil disturbances became more infrequent, a significant shift in policy was also made by the new regime of the Sri Lankan board when they took office less than two years ago. They deliberately set out for the first time to develop cricket in the rural areas, the "outstations" as they are known locally. Colombo hitherto had always tended to be the focal point for the game in this country.

It was an imaginative concept to organise competitions and exhibition games, to provide coaches and equipment and to continue to monitor closely the natural talents, which were soon unearthed. Already as many of the most promising players now hail from the outstations as from the capital. Only the far northern and eastern parts of Sri Lanka remain undeveloped in cricket terms.

This gap is unfortunate as the game used to be strong in the schools there. Sri Lankan schools cricket has always been as good as anywhere in the world and it can now be claimed that the country's cricket resources are better harnessed than at any other time.

It helps to explain why it was possible to choose two separate pools of players to meet England A and the Australian Academy of Cricket, whose visits overlapped for three weeks, and both squads gave a good account of themselves.

With the return of the full Test party from New Zealand, the game's expansion continues next week when an enlarged, inter-provincial tournament gets under way. The four-day matches will be given first-class status and have received a record sponsorship of 625,000 Sri Lankan rupees (about £8,250), a remarkable sum for a third world nation.

Bruce Yardley, the former Australian off-spinner, is holding coaching clinics here and a special watch is being kept to find potential fast bowlers. The best could be sent to England for further coaching.

"We have always had a share of success as long as we have had the benefits that come from the continuity of playing regularly," Somasundaram Skandakumar, the Sri Lankan board secretary, said. "Just how little Test cricket we have been able to play in recent years can be seen if you compare the caps won by Arjuna Ranatunga, our captain, and the Indian, Ravi Shastri. Both started their Test careers round about 1981 and Shastri has more than 70 caps and Ranatunga only 30."

There are signs that Sri Lanka's need for international competition is being met. After their visit to England late in the new season, Sri Lanka prepare for the World Cup with a home series against India and a tour to Pakistan before Christmas.

"The long-term ambition must be for more full series in this country and it is possible England and Australia will visit in the early 1990s. These two countries have been a great help during our difficulties and I hope other countries will prove equally supportive in the future," Skandakumar said.

- West Indies have recalled their fast bowlers, Ezra Moseley and Patrick Patterson, to their squad for the next three one-day internationals against Australia, starting on Saturday. Moseley has not played for West Indies since the fourth Test against England last April. Australia won the opening one-day match by 35 runs.

SQUAD: V Richards (capt), D Haynes, G Greenidge, R Richardson, C Hooper, A Logie, J Dujon, M Marshall, C Ambrose, P Patterson, C Walsh, P Simmons, E Moseley, A Gray.

MCC head out of the oasis for sterner test

SWAKOPMUND, Namibia — The incongruous link between the Namib Desert, a uranium mine and an old German settlement was MCC's latest match against a Western Select XI (Paul Parker writes).

The unlikely location was the immaculate cricket ground at the Rossing County Club, a man-made oasis 200 miles west of Windhoek and 10 miles from Swakopmund, a former fishing port and now a coastal resort where German is still the main language and the curiosity shops sell Nazi memorabilia.

The club was built for its employees by Rossing, a subsidiary of Rio Tinto Zinc, who began mining uranium here in 1976. It is a truly bizarre setting with the sand dunes on all sides contrasting vividly with the lush green grass of the outfield.

Unfortunately the match did not do justice to the enchanting surroundings. After MCC had compiled 193 for the loss of nine wickets on a slow pitch, with Roberts again the top scorer with 73, six of the opposition batsmen failed to score in a paltry total of 40. The day-night match against the full Namibian side this evening in Windhoek will provide MCC with a much sterner test.

SCORES: MCC 193-9 (M Roberts 73). Western Select XI 40 (G J Toogood 4 for 4). MCC won by 153 runs.

SWIMMING

World's VIPs baptise pool

By Craig Lord

THE end of this month marks the start of a week that is special and significant in the international life of British swimming. More than 12 leading nations, among them many world champions and record holders, will baptise the waters of the Olympic pool at Sheffield's £58 million Ponds Forge complex on March 29 and 30. To have such a host of aquatic VIPs at the birth of a facility so long overdue is an honour and a privilege.

Two days after the World Cup, dozens of the sport's foreign stars will head north to Edinburgh to the Royal Commonwealth Pool for a meeting that aims to acquire a reputation for quality and speed and has had the foresight to recognise that such ambitions do not, in pure monetary terms, come cheaply.

If there was ever a time to celebrate swimming in Britain, it is now. Where, then, are the festoons? Where is the call to arms among British clubs? To ask that the best of British support bold ventures like the World Cup and Edinburgh meeting is not unreasonable. To expect those on the verge of world-class status to mark the venues on one of all the roads that lead to Barcelona in 1992 is logical.

The first request is largely answered by Britain's world championship medal winners, Adrian Moorhouse, the Olympic champion from Leeds, and Nick Gillingham, the European champion from Birmingham, will support the English and Scottish efforts.

Hard to understand, however, will be the absence from Sheffield of six England seniors who will compete at a youth event in Spain for the intermediate squad instead. The Six Nations at Las Palmas is described by Derek Stubbs, the director of swimming for England, as being of a high standard. Well might it be. What Las Palmas will not offer is a world theatre.

This time last year these columns described Austyn Shortman, of Bristol, as a colt showing the promise of many a successful Derby to come. Sadly, that theory cannot be advanced; the picture has not changed. But then the targets have rarely been chased and Shortman was still very much the little boy at the world championships in January.

After losing his world record at 100 metres breastroke in coming second to Norbert Rozsa, of Hungary, at the world championships, Moorhouse praised the Hungarian for having chased his target. When Moorhouse equalled his own world record in London last summer, Rosza was third.

At that time, the Hungarian's time at 200 metres was slower than that of Richard Madden, a teenager from Rochester Aquabears. In January, Rosza was second in the world at 200 metres in a European record. Madden's target is still Moorhouse, but he will be at Las Palmas, entertaining a youth circuit instead of chasing Moorhouse at Sheffield.

Moorhouse said: "It's a big mistake to have these swimmers [the six] out of the country when some of the best in the world are coming here. Swimmers should want to chase their targets. They should also want to try out the pool at Sheffield for the first time. It's ludicrous for them to go to Las Palmas. There has also been no rally for British clubs to take part in the World Cup. I'm amazed."

When England came out of the International Cup at Rome as the top European team last summer, parts of officialdom called for a positive, non-critical approach to swimming in Britain. Being positive means not only to support top-quality competition at home but actively to encourage participation. Shortman and Madden will never reach the limelight enjoyed by Moorhouse and Gillingham if they, or those who advise them, keep taking backward steps.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/P	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	+ temp °C	Last snow fall
AUSTRIA								
Kitzbühel	10	80	slushy	slushy	worn	fine	6	22/2
Slushy skiing at Pass Thurn, links closed								
Obergurgl	60	110	fair	varied	fair	fair	5	16/2
Good snow on higher slopes, lower soft								
St Anton	30	190	good	heavy	slushy	cloud	10	3/3
Most runs well covered and good to ski								
FRANCE								
Flaine	40	200	good	varied	fair	cloud	1	28/2
Mild spring skiing conditions continue								
Isola	100	130	good	varied	good	snow	2	6/3
Heavy snowfall continuing, white-out conditions								
Les Arcs	85	295	fair	heavy	slushy	fohn	8	1/3
Good snow above 3,000m								
Tignes	127	240	fair	heavy	worn	cloud	4	3/3
Slushy pistes in many areas, upper good								
Val Thorens	100	200	fair	crust	worn	cloud	3	3/3
Many lifts closed due to high winds, very warm								
ITALY								
Cervinia	100	300	good	crust	slushy	snow	3	6/3
Good piste skiing especially on upper slopes								
Courmayeur	70	200	good	crust	—	snow	4	6/3
Good on upper slopes, new snow but too warm								
SWITZERLAND								
Crans Montana	40	210	good	heavy	rocky	wind	5	2/3
Reasonably good skiing on upper slopes								
Klosters	5	65	fair	varied	poor	cloud	12	22/2
Very warm								
Saas Fee	90	270	good	varied	good	cloud	5	6/3
Good skiing on most pistes, new snow, high winds								
Zermatt	70	145	good	varied	fair	cloud	8	2/3
Good on upper slopes, poor visibility								

n the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

SCOTLAND

Cairngorm: snow level, 1,500ft; vertical runs, 2,000ft. Runs: upper, middle and lower complete, hard snow. Access roads open; two chairlifts car and all tows open. Glenshee: snow level, 1,500ft; vertical runs, 1,500ft. Runs: upper and lower complete, hard snow. Access roads open: chairlifts and tows open. Lecht: snow level, 1,000ft; vertical runs, 700ft. Runs: main complete. Access roads open; tows open. Aonach Mor: conditions; snow level, 2,000ft; vertical runs, 2,000ft. Runs: light cover of snow on firm base, all complete. Access roads open; five tows open. Glencoe: snow level, 1,500ft; vertical runs, 2,000ft. Runs: upper and lower complete. Area should open today.

Forecast: A cloudy day in prospect, particularly for eastern resorts, with rain and drizzle during the day. Cloud bases will vary between 1,000 and 2,000ft, although temperatures will be mild, with freezing levels around the summits. Winds will be mainly from the east, fresh on higher slopes. Outlook: Gradually becoming brighter with sunny intervals and showers, most frequent over Glencoe and Aonach Mor. Staying mild with light to moderate winds.

- Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

IN BRIEF

Holmes returns

LARRY Holmes, undisputed world heavyweight champion from 1978 to 1985, wants to follow George Foreman on the comeback trail at the age of 41.

His bout with Tim "Doc" Anderson on April 7 in Hollywood, Florida, will be his first since Mike Tyson knocked him out in the fourth round of a title contest in 1988.

SWIMMING: Bobby Morgan, a Commonwealth champion, heads a British team for the European Diving Cup at Sheffield from March 21 to 24.

TEAM: N Bishop (Oldham), T Miles (Highgate), A Roffey (Leeds Esprit), L Ward (Highgate), H Allen (RTW Monsoon), J Arbon (Essex Cormorants), A Byford (Highgate), R Morgan (Barnet Copthall), G Morris (Huddersfield Boro), T Ali (Southend).

ICE HOCKEY: Rick Fera, a Canadian, has been suspended until the end of April for throwing a chair at an opponent while playing for Fife Flyers against Durham Wasps last weekend.

TENNIS: The first Fred Perry Cup, an international team event for the 50-plus age group, will be played at either Bournemouth or Eastbourne in September.

- Mark Petchey, off form almost a year, beat Chris Wilkinson 6-1, 6-2 in the first round of the Serve and Volley satellite tournament at Telford.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

European Cup

Quarter-finals, first legs

SP MOSCOW (0) 0 R MADRID (0) 0
90,000

RED STAR (2) 3 D DRESDEN (0) 0
Prosinecki 20, Binic 42, Savicevic 58 — 85,000

European Cup Winners' Cup

Quarter-finals, first legs

LEGIA W (1) 1 SAMPDORIA (0) 0
Czykier 45 — 12,000

D KIEV (1) 2 BARCELONA (2) 3
Zaets 39, Salenko 5, Ortega 45, Stoichkov 63 (pen)
Smmovalenko 81 (pen)
96,000

Uefa Cup

Quarter-final, first leg

BOLOGNA (0) 1 SP LISBON (0) 1
Turkyilmaz 50 — Luisinho 89
35,000

DUTCH LEAGUE: Roda JC Kerkrade 1, Utrecht 2.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Postponed: Sheffield United v Aston Villa. Second division: Postponed: West Bromwich Albion v York.

SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bournemouth 1, Cardiff 0.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Southern Amateur League 1, Southern Olympian League 0.

PREMIER INTER-LEAGUE CUP: Fourth round: Postponed: Burton v Witton.

Late results on Tuesday

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Manchester City 3, Luton Town 0. Second division: Bristol City 1, Bristol Rovers 0; Swindon Town 0, Oxford United 0; West Ham United 2, Plymouth Argyle 2; Wolverhampton Wanderers 2, Leicester City 1. Third division: Bournemouth 0, Wigan Athletic 3; Chester City 1, Reading 0; Mansfield Town 0, Stoke City 0; Rotherham United 0, Bury 5. Fourth division: Aldershot 3, Wrexham 2; Chesterfield 2, Burnley 1; Darlington 1, Walsall 0; Scunthorpe United 3, Northampton Town 0; Torquay United 0, Lincoln City 1.

ZENITH DATA SYSTEMS CUP: Southern area final (first leg): Norwich City 1, Crystal Palace 1.

LEYLAND DAF CUP: Southern area semi-finals: Birmingham City 3, Cambridge United 1; Southend United 0, Brentford 3. Northern area final (first leg): Tranmere Rovers 4, Preston North End 0.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Slough Town 0, Colchester United 2.

B AND Q SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Motherwell 0, Aberdeen 2. First division: Dundee 4, Ayr United 0; Forfar Athletic 0, Brechin City 0; Morton 0, Clyde 0; Partick Thistle 2, Falkirk 0. Second division: East Stirling 0, Stirling Albion 1; Stenhousemuir 2, Berwick Rangers 1.

SEMI-PROFESSIONAL INTERNATIONAL MATCH: England 0, Italy 0 (at Kettering).

LACROSSE

LUTON: National schoolgirls championship: Boyd Cup (seniors): Semi-finals: Queen Anne's, Caversham 2, Benenden 1; St Helen's, Northwood 1, Guildford 0. Final: Queen Anne's 4, St Helen's 1. Westcott-Jones Cup (juniors): Semi-finals: Queen Anne's 7, Guildford 0; Benenden 3, St Helen's 0. Final: Queen Anne's 3, Benenden 0.

STUDENT SPORT

SAPPORO: World Winter Games: Speed skating: Women: 3,000m: 1, C Zijlstra (Neth), 4min 40.85sec. Alpine skiing: Men: Giant slalom: 1, P Jurko (Cz), 2min 12.42sec. Nordic skiing: Women: 3 x 5km cross country relay: 1, Soviet Union, 41min 39.3sec. Ski jumping: Men: Normal hill team event: 1, Japan, 541.7pts. Figure skating (after original programme and free event): 1, T Kwiatkowski (US), 1.5. Ice hockey: Pool A: North Korea bt South Korea, 10-1; Soviet Union bt United States, 12-2. Pool B: Finland bt Canada, 2-0. Ice dance: Final placing: 1, I Meinobenko and G Kaskov (USSR), 2.0.

HOCKEY

SCHOOLS MATCH: Corrected result: Tonbridge 3, Eastbourne 4.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Army 2, London Indians 4 (at Aldershot).

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Detroit Red Wings 6, Quebec Nordiques 3; St Louis Blues 4, Hartford Whalers 1; New York Islanders 4, New Jersey Devils 3; Pittsburgh Penguins 4, Vancouver Canucks 1; Toronto Maple Leafs 6, Boston Bruins 3; Los Angeles Kings 3, Washington Capitals 3 (OT); Edmonton Oilers 5, Winnipeg Jets 4.

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardiff Devils 10, Peterborough Pirates 7; Murrayfield Racers 6, Cleveland Bombers 6. First division: Bracknell Bees 13, Slough Jets 11.

YACHTING

GENOA: Olympic classes regatta: Men: Flying 05: 1, Doreste (Sp); 2, Kosmina (Yug); 3, Tushingham (GB); 4, Stead (GB); 5, Pooms (Neth). Richard Ellis-RYA Olympic sailing places: 3, Tushingham; 4, Stead; 9, Henderson. Soling 05: 1, Pschugin (USSR); 2, Rodolfi (It); 3, Pavini (It); 4, Taob (GB). RYA places: 4, Tab; 8, Pyatt; 9, Beadsworth. Finn 05: 1, Khoperský (USSR); 2, Totsoval (USSR); 3, Passoni (It); 4, Vaccari (It); 5, Lööf (Swe). RYA places: 8, Macmillan; 9, Tavinor; 12, Childerley. 470 05: 1, Cian (It); 2, Ivaldi (It); 3, Toniste (USSR); 4, Noe (It); 5, Cassinari (It). RYA places: 7, Boardman; 18, Cockerill; 20, Irish. Women: 470: 1, Guerra (It); 2, Bacchiega (It); 3, Gaudino (It); 4, Basalkina (USSR); 5, Raggatt (GB). RYA places: 5, Raggatt.

TENNIS

TELFORD: Serve and Volley men's satellite tournament: First round (England unless stated): A Dalboni (It) bt D Ison, 6-4, 7-6; J Turner bt D Harris, 7-6, 6-2; S Botfield bt E Ran (Isr), 6-2, 6-4; N Bruno (It) bt P Virtanen (Fin), 7-6, 6-4; N Fulwood bt A Rouse, 7-6, 6-2; L Bale (SA) bt J Lenton, 7-6, 6-3, C Brandi (It) bt J Bady, 7-5, 6-0, M Petchey bt C Wilkinson, 6-1, 6-2. G Schaap (Neth) bt D Kim, 6-4, 6-4. L Matthews bt A Foster, 6-4, 6-0, B Maneman (Isr) bt J Barton, 6-4, 6-2; A Richardson bt C Beecher, 4-6, 7-6, 6-3, B Joelson (US) bt T Scherman (US), 6-7, 6-4, 6-4, B Richardson (Aus) bt D Wells-Roth (US), 2-6, 7-5, 6-3; P Hand bt R Ward (US), 7-5, 6-4; T Nyqvist (Swe) bt D Collins 6-2, 4-6 6-2.

BOCA RATON, Florida: Women's tournament: First round: H Kelesi (Can) bt C Caverzasio (It), 6-1, 3-6, 6-2; G Fernandez (US) bt R Fairbank-Nideffer (SA), 4-6, 6-4 6-2; S Martin (US) bt S Gomer (GB), 6-4, 6-4; P Louie-Harper (US) bt J Shefel (US), 7-5, 4-6 6-2 K Kschwendt (Lux) bt A Grossman (US), 6-3 7-5 L Harvey-Wild (US) bt L Allen (US) 6-4, 6-1; A Strnadova (Cz) bt J Halard (US), 6-4, 7-6; P Hy (Can) bt J Durie (GB), 6-7, 6-1, 7-6. Second round: S Graf (Ger) bt C Dahlman (Swe), w/o. G Sabatini (Arg) bt E De Lone (US), 6-2, 6-2, C Porwik (Ger) bt C Martinez (Sp), 2-6, 7-5, 6-4; N Zvereva (USSR) bt C Suire (Fr), 7-6, 6-4.

INDIAN WELLS, California: Champions Cup: First round: J McEnroe (US) bt W Masur (Aus), 7-6, 2-6, 7-5, S Bryan (US) bt J Aguilera (Sp), 6-3, 6-1; R Reneberg (US) bt K Curren (US), 6-7, 7-6, 7-6; J Arias (US) bt H Leconte (Fr), 7-6, 6-3; W Ferreira (SA) bt J Fleurian (Fr), 6-4, 6-4, S Bruguera (Sp) bt T Witsken (US), 7-5, 7-5, D Rostagno (US) bt D Goldie (US), 6-4, 7-5, F Santoro (Fr) bt A Rahunen (Fin), 6-1, 6-4; T Carbonell (Sp) bt G Muller (SA), 6-4, 6-1, S Davis (US) bt J Sánchez (Sp), 7-6, 7-5, G Prpic (Yug) bt M Rush (Ven), 6-3, 6-1; J Grabb (US) bt G Bloom (Isr), 7-6, 2-6, 6-1; L Mattar (Br) bt B Pearce (US), 6-4, 6-2, G Layendecker (Can) bt K Jones (US), 4-6, 6-3, 6-3. R Furlan (It) bt C Caratti (It), 6-4, 6-7, 7-6. Second round: S Edberg (Swe) bt M Jaite (Arg), 6-3, 6-2; J Courier (US) bt B Black (US), 6-1, 7-6.

COPENHAGEN: Men's tournament: First round: R Agenor (Hait) bt A Antonitsch (Aus), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, J Svensson (Swe) bt M Strelba (Cz), 7-6, 6-2, C Saceanu (Ger) bt M Tauson (Den), 6-1, 6-2; T Hogstedt (Swe) bt S Pescosolido (It) 6-4, 7-5, K Novacek (Cz) bt J Arrese (Sp), 6-3, 6-2, M Woodforde (Aus) bt A Cherkasov (USSR), 6-2, 2-6, 7-6. A Jarryd (Swe) bt J Gunnarsson (Swe), 6-3, 6-2, C Bergstrom (Swe) bt C-U Steeb (Ger), 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

REAL TENNIS

NEW YORK: World championships eliminator: First leg: L Deuchar (Aus) leads G Hyland (Aus), 4-0 (6-5, 6-2, 6-1, 6-5).

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: East Midlands 34, Barbarians 46.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Edinburgh Academy 11, Trinity Academy 14, Belmont House School 19, St Aloysius 10. Welsh under-15 championship: Cynon Valley 4, Llwchwr 0; Llanelli 4, Swansea 0, Pontypridd 11, Newport 6. Under-14: Pontypridd 4, Newport 4.

SCHWEPPES WELSH CUP: Sixth round: Pontypridd 6, Llanelli 19.

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: First division: Tredegar 11, Ebbw Vale 6.

CLUB MATCHES: Leicester 57, Loughborough Students 13, Penarth 18, Abertillery 17.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Atlanta Hawks 139, Denver Nuggets 127; Indiana Pacers 112, Charlotte Hornets 101; Miami Heat 116, Los Angeles Clippers 113, Minnesota Timberwolves 94, Los Angeles Lakers 85, Phoenix Suns 107, New York Knicks 100; Chicago Bulls 104, Milwaukee Bucks 86; Houston Rockets 112, New Jersey Nets 100; San Antonio Spurs 104, Philadelphia 76ers 99; Cleveland Cavaliers 113, Seattle Supersonics 111 (OT); Sacramento Kings 100, Golden State Warriors 82.

BOXING

CARDIFF: British junior lightweight championship: Robert Dickie (Swansea) bt Kevin Pritchard (Liverpool), rsc 8th rnd. Welter (8 rnds): James Lawlor (Birmingham) bt Mark Pearce (Cardiff), pts: Dave Andrews (Treharris) bt Brian Cullen (Stoke), rsc 1st rnd.

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FOOTBALL

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Zenith Data Systems Cup

Northern semi-finals

Barnsley v Everton (7.45)

Bob Lord Trophy

Third round

Kettering v Welling

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Fulham v Chelsea (2.0).

PREMIER INTER-LEAGUE CUP: Fourth round: Weymouth v Carshalton.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Manchester Utd v Leicester (7.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Keighley v Workington.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: English Women's national indoor championships (Lawson Park, Bedford).

BOXING: University match: Oxford v Cambridge (Cambridge Guildhall, 7.30).

RALLYING: RAC International Historic Rally of Great Britain (Bath to Torbay).

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SPORT

Toshack rejects chance of going back to Anfield

By Ian Ross

LIVERPOOL'S attempts to find a football manager ended in bitter frustration yesterday when John Toshack indicated that he was unwilling to succeed Kenny Dalglish, who resigned a fortnight ago.

After three days of intensive secret negotiations, Toshack announced that he would remain with Real Sociedad, the Spanish first-division club, to honour the five-year contract he recently signed.

Although the Merseyside club has never officially confirmed its interest in the former Welsh international forward who spent eight years as a player at Anfield, it is clear that talks between Noel White, the Liverpool chairman, and a senior member of Sociedad's executive committee did take place earlier in the week.

Liverpool, unperturbed by the knowledge that Sociedad would demand substantial compensation, went so far as to offer Toshack the job on Monday afternoon. Having verbally agreed a five-year contract which, it is believed, was worth in excess of £1.25 million, Liverpool were confident of being in a position to announce Toshack's appointment before Saturday's League game against Manchester City at Maine Road.

However, Liverpool's initial optimism was punctured on Tuesday evening when Toshack, aged 41, gave the first indication that he was considering refusing a job which, privately at least, he has always coveted.

Torn between a loyalty to his many friends at Sociedad and his desire to return to English football after an absence of seven years, Toshack, who was in Swansea to celebrate the 21st birthday of his son, Cameron, spent several hours considering his future before informing Sociedad that he would be returning to Spain to take up the position of team coach. It is thought that Toshack telephoned Liverpool yesterday lunchtime to rule himself out of contention, albeit with a degree of reluctance.

If Toshack's obvious affection for the Basque club is discounted, the main stumbling block, from a practical standpoint, was the question of compensation.

Toshack's contract with Sociedad is believed to contain a clause outlining the details of such a claim, should he leave to join another club before its expiry in 1996. It has been suggested that Liverpool would have been required to pay around £1.5 million to secure Toshack's release.

Unwilling, or perhaps unable, to do so, it is probable that Liverpool urged Toshack himself to negotiate a more suitable settlement. It would seem that Toshack chose not to alienate a club that was swift to offer him employment after his dismissal from Real Madrid in November of last year.

Having failed to secure the services of a man who enjoyed almost unanimous support at boardroom level, Liverpool will seek to put an end to persistent speculation by appointing Ronnie Moran as team manager until the end of the season.

Moran, the senior coach of the club, has been in charge of team affairs since Dalglish's unexpected departure and although Liverpool have lost all three of their games during that 14-day period, Moran's appointment will almost certainly be ratified at a board meeting tomorrow morning.

Moran has openly expressed a desire to succeed Dalglish but even if he were to lead Liverpool to the championship this season, it seems inevitable that the club will resume its search for a younger, more experienced, manager during the the summer.

World Student Games torch-bearers head off for Japan

From Sheffield to Sapporo: a team of students, including the president of Sheffield University students' union and the presidents of the city's university and polytechnic athletics teams, yesterday left south Yorkshire to collect the Universaide flame from Japan (Louise Taylor writes).

The flame's arrival in Sheffield on July 14 will mark the start of this year's World Student Games. After taking up the torch in Sapporo, northern Japan, the students will travel from the south Pacific to the east coast of the United States and on through Canada before returning to Sheffield.

Pictured above are three of the students, Dave McClements, centre, Nick Yates and Nicola Airey.

Havelange rejects Brazilian chances

SUB-STANDARD facilities will prevent Brazil from hosting the 1998 World Cup finals, according to João Havelange, the president of Fifa, football's international governing body (Louise Taylor writes).

Havelange said yesterday, during a visit to Porto Alegre in western Brazil, that Fifa was only prepared to invest in countries with strong currencies and an adequate infrastructure. Brazil would be ruled out on both counts, plus the possible problem of filling the stadia for unattractive fixtures.

Havelange said that grounds were filled to capacity for virtually all matches during the last summer's World Cup finals in Italy, but it is unlikely that a match between Germany and the United Arab Emirates, for example, would hold a similar attraction if staged in Brazil.

Eight other countries – England, Chile, France, India, Morocco, Nigeria, Portugal, and Switzerland – have expressed an interest in hosting the 1998 tournament, and must confirm or withdraw their bids by the end of this month.

The legitamacy of Nigeria's bid is being questioned because Fifa received its application four days after the February 8 deadline. A Fifa spokesman said yesterday that Nigeria's case for inclusion would be considered by its executive committee.

Brazil, Chile, England, France and Switzerland have previously held World Cup finals tournaments.

Red Star regain old form

RED Star Belgrade, the Yugoslav football champions, rediscovered their form and crushed Dynamo Dresden, of Germany, 3-0 in the first leg of their European Cup quarter-final tie yesterday.

The Yugoslavs produced a series of chances. Robert Prosinecki and Dejan Savicevic, both midfielders in the Yugoslav national team, and the wing, Dragisa Binic, scored.

Spartak Moscow outplayed Real Madrid for long periods but were thwarted by the Spanish champions' goalkeeper, Pedro Jaro, in their goalless quarter-final first leg in Moscow.

Jaro, one of the few Real players to come to terms with the freezing temperatures and rock-hard pitch, pulled off several superb saves

Dariusz Czykier, a midfield player, scored the only goal of the match on the stroke of half-time, to give Legia Warsaw victory in their European Cup Winners' Cup quarter-final first leg against Sampdoria.

● **AMSTERDAM:** The three-man coaching staff at struggling Dutch first division side, Feyenoord Rotterdam, resigned yesterday a club spokesman told Reuter.

Following a string of defeats culminating in a 6-0 thrashing by PSV Eindhoven last Sunday, their Swedish coach, Gunder Bengtsson, his assistant, Pim Verbeek, and the team manager, Ger Lagendijk, have all departed.

The former Dutch international, Wim Jansen, has been brought in under the title of manager to assume the training duties previously shared by the outgoing trio.

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Restart angers Richards

From Alan Lee
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
KINGSTON

AN AIR of recrimination hung heavily over Sabina Park yesterday as this grievously disrupted first Test was controversially resumed with both captains at loggerheads with the umpires.

Viv Richards, the West Indies captain, reacted to the decision of the umpires to restart after lunch on this final day by asking them if they wanted someone to be killed on a surface both he and Allan Border, of Australia, considered potentially dangerous.

Richards was quickly in the firing line himself when the cricket did get under way, but, despite the early loss of Carl Hooper, West Indies easily eliminated any possibility of the collapse needed to give this remarkable game a final twist.

The full impact of defective covering facilities and desultory work by the ground staff on Monday night was apparent when the players reported here expecting a prompt start to the fifth day, following the complete loss of the fourth.

A muddy patch on a fast bowler's length, where the pitiful plastic covers had leaked, was still not dry after 30 hours without rain, and so, in blazing sunshine, the umpires announced a lunch-time inspection and the captains both privately gave their view that the character of the pitch had altered too much to permit the game to go on.

The discomfort evident in local officials may now have played a part. They had woken to headlines, in the island's leading newspaper, proclaiming "Sabina's disgrace" and "Incompetence reigns". They knew that, no matter what the shortcomings of the groundstaff were, the buck stopped higher up.

Sabina Park's reputation as a Test centre suffered damage last year, when England's match was held up by similar inefficiency. The events of the past two days have only reaffirmed a growing opinion that the standard of organisation here falls short of Test requirements.

To have a second day abandoned, especially in such fine weather, would have been seen here as a scandal. Whether or not the umpires, David Archer and Steve Bucknor, reacted sympathetically to this plight, their decision certainly came as a surprise.

As the captains joined the umpires in the middle, with an interested crowd of onlookers within earshot, the West Indian captain asked Archer, in that icily angry way of his: "In the process of finding out if it is dangerous, do you want someone to die out here ? I don't want to come out and find the ball whizzing round my nose."

With that, Richards stalked away, leaving Border to query with Archer whether the game could be stopped if the pitch proved to be dangerous.

The Australians were also concerned about one of the bowlers' run-ups, which was still soft despite hours of rolling, and there was some suspicious prodding of the pitch and surrounds right up to the moment when play resumed.

Hooper quickly added 20 to his overnight score, driving delightfully, but when McDermott plucked out his off stump for his eighth wicket of the match, Richards emerged with the scope for one of his whirling cameos. Instead, he batted sensibly and circumspectly in support of Richardson.

TCCB staying with Dexter

By Ivo Tennant

THE England committee, chaired by Ted Dexter, was reappointed for a further 12 months at the spring meeting of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) yesterday. In spite of some criticism following defeat in Australia, only one undisclosed first-class county voted to return to the previous system of selection.

"There was a healthy discussion but no sense of hostility towards Dexter and Micky Stewart," Alan Smith, chief executive of the TCCB, said. "Everyone accepted that England did not perform as well as expected but it will be surprising if Graham Gooch is not reappointed England captain for this summer."

There were, though, several aspects of England's tour which the TCCB will continue to discuss over the coming months. These include the number of injuries to players, poor standards of fielding, problems with the itinerary, and press relations.

Smith said that, although discipline on the field was not discussed, he was personally unhappy over what he saw as increasing dissent in all Test series. "I saw an incident in Sydney that I did not like and I hope that the International Cricket Council's proposed code of conduct has teeth," he said.

The system of observers, four former cricketers who assess players on behalf of the England committee, will also be continued this summer. It was agreed that tour managers will in future be appointed each year: Peter Lush, who no longer wishes to fill that role, is to become the TCCB's marketing consultant.

Other issues that were discussed included the possible use of coloured clothing in the Refuge Assurance Sunday League in 1992. This will be considered further during the summer.

Although the TCCB does not want counties to revert to preparing the green pitches that predominated in the county championship in 1989, they have done away with any definition of colour.

Martin recalls his Cape Horn drama

From Barry Pickthall
PUNTA DEL ESTE, URUGUAY

JOHN Martin, the South African yachtsman who was forced to abandon his yacht deep in the Southern Ocean after colliding with an iceberg two weeks ago, spoke for the first time yesterday of his ordeal to stay afloat and alive.

"The noise was terrible," Martin said on arrival in Santiago. "The foam core in the hull was constantly grinding and tearing itself away from the outer layers of carbon fibre. It was like watching crumpled paper flex and waiting for it to tear. The panels could have gone at any time."

In the early hours of Monday, February 18, Martin was lying in second place on this third stage of the BOC single-handed round the world race, but leading on aggregate time, when he drew within 2,000 miles of Cape Horn.

"It was blowing 35 knots and we were reaching well at more than 11 knots," he said. "The boat came off a wave and landed with a crash on a 20ft-long growler. I saw it as it passed by the starboard quarter. I could see no more than a foot of ice out of the water. Even if I had been at the wheel, I would not have seen it in the pitch darkness."

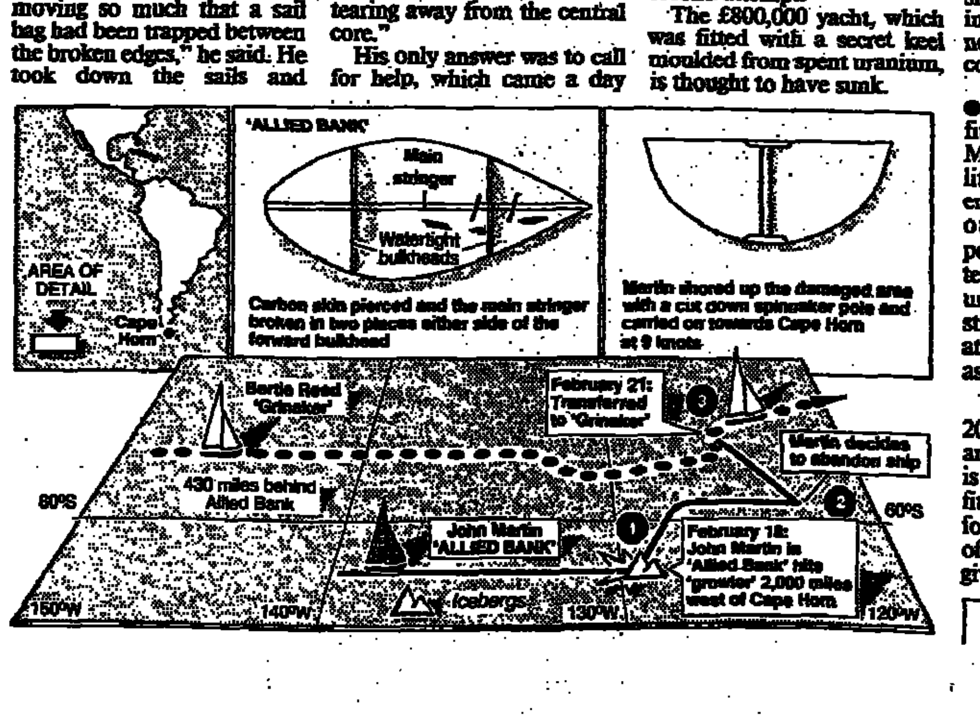
Martin found that the keelson – the central longitudinal stiffener in the hull which is laminated with 12 layers of carbon fibre and Kevlar – had sheared in two on either side of the yacht's forward watertight bulkhead.

"It had cracked clean through and the hull was moving so much that a sail bag had been trapped between the broken edges," he said. He took down the sails and headed north towards warmer waters, before attempting to effect repairs by bracing the damaged area with a spinnaker pole.

"I was really pleased with the repair and was confident enough to turn back towards Cape Horn, but the next day, this hurricane hit. It was blowing 65 knots and you could hear the two skins tearing away from the central core."

His only answer was to call for help, which came a day later in the form of Martin's fellow South African, Bertie Reed, aboard Grinaker. He launched his life raft, but the line attaching the raft to his yacht broke and Martin was left to drift. "I was swept at least half a mile from the yacht, before Bertie even realised the raft was not tethered, but picked me up on the second attempt."

The £800,000 yacht, which was fitted with a secret keel moulded from spent uranium, is thought to have sunk.



'ALLIED BANK'
Main stringer
Watertight bulkheads
Carbon skin pierced and the main stringer broken in two places either side of the forward bulkhead
Martin shored up the damaged area with a cut down spinnaker pole and carried on towards Cape Horn at 9 knots
AREA OF DETAIL
Cape Horn
Bertie Reed 'Grinaker'
February 21: Transferred to 'Grinaker'
3
Martin decides to abandon ship
2
430 miles behind Allied Bank
60°S
60°S
John Martin 'ALLIED BANK'
1
February 18: John Martin in 'Allied Bank' hits 'growler' 2,000 miles west of Cape Horn
150°W
140°W
Icebergs
130°W
120°W

The only other yachtsman to use uranium in a keel has been Eric Tabarly, of France, but as a result, his yacht, Pen Duick VI, was barred from completing the 1977/8 Whitbread Round the World Race as an official entry and the material was banned from use in regular yachting by the Offshore Racing Council. The simple free spirit rules governing the BOC race, however, do not ban such exotic and controversial materials.

● The slug of waste uranium fitted to the keel of John Martin's ill-fated yacht poses little or nor risk to the environment (Nick Nuttall, our technology correspondent, writes). The material, known as depleted uranium, will have been stripped of much of its radiation through a process known as enrichment.

Depleted uranium is nearly 20 per cent heavier than lead and, unlike lead, which is soft, is more stable. The material is fitted to the back of jumbo jets for improved balance on take-off, and is used in bullets to give them added impact.

Monarchs agree to share Hanley

MAURICE Lindsay, the Wigan chairman, agreed yesterday to share Ellery Hanley, their captain and wing, with London Monarchs, of the newly-formed World League of American Football (WLAF).

Lindsay confirmed, following talks with Jon Smith, the Monarchs' chief executive, that the Great Britain captain would be allowed to serve both codes, provided Wigan's interests came first.

"The Wigan club have no objection to Ellery pursuing a secondary sporting career to capitalise on his immense talents, but only if this extra commitment does not interfere with his primary duties in the demanding, highly competitive world of rugby league," Lindsay said.

"It has always been absolutely clear that Ellery feels his first commitment is to the club, and he does not wish to involve himself in anything that would compromise his position.

"Joining the London Monarchs would provide him with a great opportunity which, in his best interests, we would not wish to prevent his exploring."

Smith welcomed the arrangement, which would give Monarchs a boost less than three weeks before their first game of the WLAF season at Frankfurt on March 23.

Hanley could make his first appearance for the Monarchs against Orlando Thunder at Wembley on April 6. "We have always recognised that Ellery Hanley's prime responsibility is to Wigan with whom he has a contract," Smith said. "In discussions with Maurice Lindsay it was emphasised that the World League would like to offer Ellery the platform he desires a a key player in the London Monarchs."

Wigan will have the final say on where and when Hanley, aged 29, plays for the London team. Hanley, who would play as a running back, will be at the Monarchs' training camp in Watford next week, when Larry Kennan, the Monarchs coach, will make the final decision on his potential.

Widnes yesterday denied any approach by the Monarchs for Martin Offiah, the Great Britain wing. Doug Laughton, the Widnes coach, said he had "no knowledge" of an approach by the Monarchs, who are said to have made a similar offers to Offiah to that made to Hanley.

● The Rugby Football League will next month consider a scheme that would allow admission to the Alliance, the reserve-team competition, to teams other than senior clubs' reserve sides.

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